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# Social democrats to launch party in 10 cities on March 26

The leaders of the Council for to change at a national conference.

Social Democracy will announce Leading social democratic memthe formation of a new centre bers, using fast transport, including party on March 26. A policy state- aircraft, will hold press conferences ment published then will be subject in 10 cities on the launch date.

## Conference to vote on policy

By George Clark Labour Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. Mr Roy Jenkins, Mrs Shirley Williams, and Mr William Rodgers, Mp for Teesside, Stockton, who form the collective leadership of the Council for Social Democracy, will announce the formation of a new centre party on March 26.

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Commons last night that the preparatory work in launching a political party in an age of modern electronics and rapid communication was compli-

Referring to the beginnings of the Labour Party, he said:
"The last time anyone attempted this was 80 years ago and it was 18 years before they had a proper constitution".

Request the Social Democratic

Because the Social Democrats believed strongly in the prin-ciple of one member, one vote it was obvious that it would be some time before the party would emerge with a constitution and an ogreed policy. The first phase might be completed this year and the second next

Sear.

But in order that people could have a general indication of the party's aims, a policy statement would be published at the launching press confirmed by democratic water by democratic water. france. It would be subject to change, by democratic vote, That statement was being frawo up by the trustees of the council, comprising Mr Clive Lindley, chairman, a businessman and former Labour candilate at Leominster in 1974 chairman). Lord Diamond, ormer Chief Secretary to the freasury, Sir Leslie Murphy, hairman of the National Entervise Board until 1980, and Mr an Wrigziesworth, MP fereesside. Thornaby.

eesside. Thornaby. Mr Thomas said: "The object. t not only to launch ourselves n the world but to invite eaple to become members or apporters of the new party. It ill be possible for people to ill be phone banks operated

Soviet denial

The Russians today vigor

iscard d'Estaing in the forth-ming French election, and

ccused the French press of

ishonesty in trying to show tat Moscow was interfering in

The sharp official denial pub-

eming to express disapproval M François Mitterrand, his

The report was interpreted

a clear signal that the Rus-aus would prefer the Presi-mt to emerge as the victor on a run-off between the two. id was swiftly attacked by th Gaullist and Socialist poli-ions as inadmissible inter-

ians as "inadmissible inter-tence" in French affairs.

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the "slanderers" were

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**M** Giscard

rom Michael Binyon

foscow, March 17

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members will disperse and con-duct press conferences in Car-diff, Manchester, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Birmingham, Nor-wich, Leeds, Southampton and

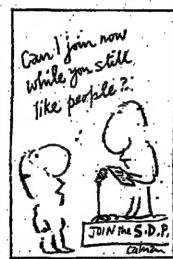
There may also be a press conference in Liverpool, where the Social Democrats are hoping for an electoral pact with the

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, yesterday wel-comed the defection of Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler from the Conservatives:

"It is a very significant step forward, because it is the first departure we have had from the Conservative Party at par-liamentary level", he said on Independent Television News. At local level, there had been recruits from the Conservative Party to both the Liberal Party

and the Social Democrats.

He had been consulted by Mr Erockiebank-Fowler and



number of Conservatives who are deeply unhappy and who make no concealment of the fact."

Mr Steel said it was difficult to estimate the number of potential Conservative defectors. "I would not think there would the more than two or three in the life of this Parliament", he said, "but in saying that I do not know how fast the snowball of the new alliance [Liberals/Social Democrats1 is going to grow.

"After all, the Social Demo-crats still have to launch themselves as a new party. After that we have to put together the political alliance between ourselves. Then, at that stage, I think the thing could well snowball. I may be quite wrong in my underestimate."

The Liberals were looking forward to a by-election, he said, because of the progress they had been making.

Asked if the Liberals would

stand aside and give, say, Mrs Williams or Mr Roy Jenkins a free run at a parliamentary by-election, Mr Steel said: "That would depend entirely on the constituency concerned, and cer-tainly I would like to see them both back in the House of Com-mons, because I think it would strengthen the alliance enormously. I hope therefore that we will be able to help that."
On the question of whether

on the question of whether he would arge Liberals to fight for the Social Democrats, he said it would depend on the sort of constituency it was. If there was a strong Liberal association and a candidate was already in place, obviously the Liberal control of the said of Liberal was not going to stand

Jenkins speech, page 2

## University job loss could total 7,000

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
About 3,000 university teachers will have to be made compulsorily redundant over the next three years, at an estimated cost of beaween £100m and £200m, because of planned government spending cuts. Dr usly denied that they had sigalled their favour of President government spending cuts. Dr Edward Parkes, chairman of the University Grants Committee (UGC), told the House of Com-mons Public Accounts Commit-

tee yesterday.
A further 4,000 non-academic shed in Pravda comes after a more was provoked in France y a Pravda report from Paris at week which praised Presimt Giscard d'Estaing while staff would also have to be made redundant. Dr Parkes said that unless the Government was prepared to provide the large sums needed to meet redundancy payments, some universities would "simply become bankrupt".

He emphasized that the figures were based on the UGC's most optimistic assump-

The committee's very conser-vative estimate was that university income would be cut by at least 11 per cent over the next three years, Dr Parkes

said: The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals esti-mates that income will be cut by 15 per cent. If the cuts were spread uni-

formly, all universities would have to freeze all posts, Dr. Parkes said. "But in fact we shall be spreading the cuts very non-uniformly ".

Redundancy costs would have

to take into account the varied nature of university teachers contracts, but a figure of £40,000 to £80,000 had been suggested for each redundancy. Dr Parkes said that his com-mittee did not envisage the closure of any university, pro-vided that money could be found for redundancies

## **Diplomat** referred to in sex trial

By Our Political Correspondent
Rejecting the advice of Sir
Michael Havers, QC, the
Artorney General, that he
should not name the diplomat
referred to in a recent case
at the Cantral Criminal Court,
Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Huddersfield,
West, yesterday, tabled two
questions in the House of Commons noming the diplomat. He
is Sir Peter Hayman, who was
High Commissioner in Canada
from 1970 to 1974,
Mr Dicken's questions are:
"To ask the Attorney
General if he will prosecute Sir
Peter Hayman under the Post
Office Acts for sending and receiving pornographic material
through the Royal Mail,
"To ask the Chancellor of the
Duchy of Lancaster [Mr Francis
Pyml if he will move to set up

Duchy of Lancaster [Mr Francis Pym] if he will move to set up a select committee to investi-gate the security implications of the entries contained within volumes of Sir Peter Hayman's diaries, referred to in the trial

of Tom O'Carroll at the Old Bailey?" Reference was made to a dip-Reference was made to a dip-lomat during the trial. Mr O'Carroll, aged 35, who was chairman of the Paedophila Information Exchange, was sentenced to two years' impri-sonment for conspiring to cor-

rupt public morals.

Sir Michael, who had a meeting with Mr Dickens at the Commons on Monday night, appealed to him not to mention the diplomat's name.

"It seems to me wrong that

someone who has not been prosecuted should be named unless there is any compelling reason to do so, and I do not think there is one", Sir Michael had said earlier. Mr Dickens said last night

that he was not persuaded by Sir Michael's arguments. Mr Dickens claims that the

police and many other observers at the trial at the Central Criminal Court were "absolutely staggered" that the diplomat had not been charged as a result of what was found at his flat. He had been a con-tributing member of the Paedo-phite Information Exchange. Last night it became clear that the Attorney General is preparing a fairly lengthy reply

to Mr Dickens's question. Mr Pym is not likely to answer his question on security risks until Monday.

Monday.

Detectives had questioned the diplomat after he had left pornographic material on a bus. On Sunday the Attorney Ganeral said that he and Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, had looked at the case and decided that the original decision not to prosecute was sion not to prosecute was

"He was dealt with in exactly the same way as a number of others who had attempted to send obscene material through the post", Sir Michael said. "It was a fairly minor matter. There was no question of them corrupting children."

It appears that nine people were involved and it is being argued that it is wrong to name one man and not the others. Named diplomat, page 2



Sir Peter Hayman : Former High Commissioner.

Important visitor: The Duke of Edinburgh

the Irish Guards yesterday.

The President and his retinue of two dozen ministers, advisers and businessmen will spend today sightseeing and discussing business and politics. A long lunch is planned with Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary. Britain is seeking a large share of £600m.

and President Shagari of Nigeria inspecting

in arms contracts which the petroleum

republic is dangling. According to British officials, the Zimbabwe settlement and the advent of a "civilian conservative, businessorientated government " in Lagos has caused dramatic improvement in relations between Britain and Nigeria.

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It is, however, expected that during the three-day state visit the Nigerians will be pressing for tougher sports sanctions against South Africa and for more western pressure on Pretoria for a Namibian solution.

## Death squad kills wife of Muslim sect chief

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, March 17

dead at their home in Aachen today by a death squad evi- France.

death out for her husband.

Barazi, a Syrian journalist

Mr Issam al-Attar, the spiritual leader of the outlawed Mislim Brotherhood, which has President opposing Assad's Government in Syria, was in hiding after being warned that his life was in danger.

Aachen police said three swaretry-skinned men entered the Attars' block of flats, accosted a neighbour who had gone to the attic to get her washing and forced her, at gun-point, to ring the Attar's bell, and smile at the spyhole in the door.

When Mrs al-Attar opened the door they jumped forward, firing with hand guns, hit-ting her four times in the head, neck and chest.

One dragged the body into the landing while the other two ran into the flat apparently seeking Mr al-Attar.

While a neighbour police, the men raced out of the building and made off in an orange car in the direction of the Dutch border about two miles away.

West German police declined to say whom they suspected.

Mrs Benan al-Attar, aged 37, was the daughter of Mr Ali al Tantawi, a prominent figure in the Saddi Arabian establish ment and an entirent judge and authority on Islam. He appears twice a week on Saudi television speaking about Islam.

The murder would upset a delicate truce between the The wite of the head of the Syrian Government, Mr al-Attar Muslim Brotherhood was shot said in a telephone conversation from his hiding place in

Barazi, a Syrian journalist working in London, that the truce had been negotiated at the instigation of the Saudi Government by Mr al-Harkam, the secretary-general of the

to have wanted him replaced as the head of the Muslim

Mr al-Artar, who had been living in Aschen for about 10 years as head of the local Islamic centre, became alarmed yesterday after hearing that a group of men had turned up at his flat saying that they were telephone engi-

wife telephoned the police, who have been keeping a watch on the place, learnt that no telephone repairs were planned, and refused to let

Mr al-Attar was in no doubt them in.

Today, the police said the the smirder. Weeping, he told a syriam journalist in London: a boy judged by the neighbour to be aged about 16. He appears to to be aged about 16. He appeared to be carrying a hand grenade. Another appeared to be between 25 and 30, and the third, about 50.

A spokesman for the Islamic centre said the Attars had been living in fear for a couple of You can understand after what has been going on in Syria", he said.

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Jean Goodman talks to Robin Williams
who plays Popeye in the film of the old
comic strip; William Mann on Stockhausen's first opera, at La Scala; Red
Chaillet on Up in the 80s (King's Head);
Anthony Masters on the Theatre of Mistalks; Richard Williams on Billy Cobham

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Business News, pages 17-23 Stock Markets: Selective buying of second liners by the institutions provided another

strong session for equities but profit taking left gilts lower. The FT Index closed 7.8 higher at 487.6

Financial Editor : Putting together a new

On other pages

America

#### Another fall for the steeplechase Prince

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent The Prince of Wales's second

steeplechase in five days again ended in failure at Cheltenham yesterday. He was dislodged from his horse, Good Prospect, yesterday in the same way as at Sandown Park on Friday. Good Prospect started as a 25-1 outsider and misjudged a fance once prospect started by the same way as a concern on the same way. German authorities had asked him about three weeks ago to leave the country because they feared a murder altempt, and because there had been pressure from "an oil-producing country" that wanted to put him aside. The Saudis, Mr al-Barzi said, are understood to have seen authorities had asked him about three weeks ago to have seen thusiastic owner-rider little chance of staying in the saddle. This time they parted company with a full circuit left to run, whereas at Sandown there were only four fences to jump. Each time Good Prospect hit the fence and each time Prince Charles were constructed to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital, London, yestered to have seen in poor health for some time, became a patient for three hours at University College Hospital have been in poor health for some time. and out of his stirrups. Professional opinion has it that Prince Charles still has a thing

or two to learn about the art of race riding, which is so different to hunting. result to nunting.

By sitting back rather than crouching forward, Prince Charles might not have come a cropper in either race. As he limped away from the fence which brought about his downfall yesterday he was heard to remark: "Oh, well, you live and you learn."

Cheltenham report, page 13 | young for a giant panda.

## Junket for robbers was police trap

From Michael Leapman
New York, March 17
The hand-drawn sign in the
front window of the charabanc
read: "Good Buy Charter". It
should have been spelt differently, for the coach party of
25, who had been expecting a
jolly day's gambling and drinking a gambling trip to Atlantic
City, were instead driven to
prison.

prison.

It was the culmination of another of those police undercover operations which cause such merriment when they are disclosed here. Good Buy was the name the police gave to a shop they established five months ago in Manhattan's Diamond District, on West 47th Street off Fifth Avenue, for the purpose of buying stolen property. property.

During that time, police say they bought goods worth \$2.5m (£1.1m) although they paid only \$8,000 for them. The discrepancy was caused by the fact that much of the property was table bands which are hard to stolen bonds which are hard to sell and therefore command a low price on the undercover market.

After they set up the shop, describing themselves as "buyers of gold and silver", police said it was not long before word of their willingess to buy stolen property circulated in the underworld.

They received a steady flow of offers and propositions, including one from a man who wanted their help in killing and robbing a Brooklyn couple. Soon the operators of Good Buy informed their clients that, to celebrate the imminence of spring they would be organized. spring, they would be organiz-ing a gambling trip to Atlantic City to reward their loyal patrous. There would be free cham-pagne and \$1,000 of stake money each. The day trippers were to meet yesterday morn-ing at Sullivan's Bar on Eighth Avenue at 46th Street, not far from the Diamond District.

When the Diamond District.

When the group of 25 had assembled they were all placed under arrest. Then they were loaded on to the coach and driven, not to the seaside, but to the police station.

There, 11 of the 25 were charged with possessing stolen goods and the remainder held for questioning. Police are still looking for 18 of their customers who, with apparent foresight, did not go.

#### Giant panda is treated at London hospital

China, was anaesthetized at the zoo and was taken to the hos-pital for a radio isotope scan while veterinary surgeons attended her. Technical staff in the scanner room carried out the investigation voluntarily after their working hours.

The results will be known today. The hospital has been giving advice about Ching-Ching for some time. She was in a critical condition last year and had an emergency opera-



She is now being cared for by RUKBA with a life long annuity and, should it ever be necessary, a place in a Residential Home or a Sheltered flat, but we have no pictures of the ever growing number of others like her who are in desperate need of RUKBA's help.

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#### Appeals to test criteria on brain death fail

it-wide Le Matin of The Court of Appeal has rejected two an "anti-Soviet applications that could have provided applications that could have provided applications that could be a test of the the first detailed legal test of the British criteria for brain death. It held that doctors who switched off life-support systems could not be blamed for the deaths of two women. A doctor who claimed that two patients who fulfilled the criteria had survived, has garion Page 4 Law Report, page 8 withdrawn the allegation

Banking realignment ch in 1974 formed an elec-a alliance with the Comuists, of drifting to the right, i said M Mitterrand's chances

Standard Chartered Bank and the Royal Bank of Scorland agreed on merger terms and Lloyds Bank launched a takeover bid for Lloyds and Scottish, the country's largest independent finance nouse, in the biggest realignment in British banking for more than a decade Page 17

London lorry ban Heavy lorries are to be banned from a 50 square mile area of north London when a new section of the M25 orbital

motorway is opened later this year. The ban is the first in Britain to cover such iously feels that M Mitterd is taking potential votes a big area Escape plotters jailed sard d'Estaing is not surprisplat to snatch an IRA terrorist bowever. The Russians have leader from a London prison by helicopter led to the sentencing of three men after a two-week trial at the Central Criminal Court. Page 2

Double Tory loyalty England have hard over petrol tax

Conservative leaders in the constituencies of the Tory MPs who voted against the Government over the 20p increase in petrol tax expressed support for the rebels. But at the same time they emphasized their support for the Government's economic strategy in a double display of loyalty Page 2

Germ war' lawsuit The United States Government denied in court in San Francisco that a germ warfare test which created a bacterialaden fog there in September, 1950, had killed a wealthy businessman who died a month later. Relatives of the businessman are continuous about 55 minutes. man are seeking about Som in damages from the United States Army Page 6

Warning by UN
Major General William Callaghan, the

United Nations commander in Lebanon, denounced the "barbacic" killing of two Nigerian soldiers by the Israeli-backed militia of Major Saad Haddad. He issued a warning that if attacked again his force would "protect itself with the defensive weapons at its Page 7

Amnesty dismissal

A prolonged and bitter dispute within the British section of Amnesty Inter-national has led to the dismissal of the director of the human rights organization, Mr Cosmas Desmond. He said he was "utterly and completely amazed" by the executive council's decision. He was undecided whether he was amazed " to appeal against it Page 2

task to save Test

England, ser the improbable task of scoring 523 in 10 hours to win the third Test match, were 166 for 5 at the close of the fourth day. Gooth was 88 not out and shared a second wicker partnership of 120 with Gower, who scored 54 before being bowled by Richards 12

**EEC passport** EEC foreign ministers have agreed to

endeavour to introduce a uniform wine-coloured EEC passport no later than January 1, 1985. It will be issued by the national authorities and carry the name of the issuing state in larger type than the words: "European Community

Civil Service dispute: Serious extension of disruption has been threatened by the Inland Revenue Staff Federation 2 Racial harassment: Councils urged to take a strong stand after report disclosed violent incidents on housing estates

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## Double loyalty in Tax staff constituencies over Tory rebels

Conservatives in the constituencies of Tory MPs who voted against the Government over the 20p increase in petrol tax on Monday night yesterday mostly expressed their support for the rebellion while empha-sizing their agreement with the But

Government's strategy.

That double display of loyalty was summed up by Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Conran, chairman of Bury St Edmunds Conservative Association, Mr Eldon Griffiths, the local MP, was one of the eight Tories who voted against the petrol tax proposals. "I support him completely", Colonel Conran said. "There was very strong feeling about the 20p increase in the villages, but it would be quite wrong to say that there is a revolution in Suffolk against the Budget as a whole. We all realize it has got to be uncomfortable. It is just that there are better ways

of raising revenue." Mrs. Nina Goodman, chairman of the Harborough constituency of Mr John Farr, MP, said: "People here are beginning to feel shut off by increases in the price of perrol. One feels the Treasury sits in London and does not realize about people in rural areas."

rural areas."

She added: "If bus fares and prices go up, people will have something to blame it on. The Government will be a convenient whipping boy."

Both Mr Charles Russell, chairman of Horncastle Conservative Association, and Mr Philip Smith, chairman at Leominster, said that they fully supported the votes by their MPs, Mr Peter Tapsell and Mr Peter Temple-Morris, against Peter Temple-Morris, against the Government, but affirmed their broad support for the Eudget as a whole.

Mrs K. Anderson, agent of the East Aberdeenshire Association, where the local MP is Mr Albert McQuarrie, said rural areas would take a battering out of all proportion to the rest of the country. A local having of the country. A local haulage company had told her that it would cost an extra £340 a lorry if the petrol tax was introduced.

Parliamentary Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was in a decidedly negative mood in the Commons yesterday as

she fended of persistent questioning from Labour MPs who appear to be as anxious as the

Prime Minister to discover the

Mr Michael Foot clearly sus-

pects that the culprit is to be

found among the soggier ele-ments of the Cabinet.

Normally a kindly man, he seems of late to be taking a somewhat sadistic delight in

drumming home to the Prime

£10,000 fine

for skipper

A French trawler skipper was

fined £10,000 with £800 costs

at Falmouth yesterday for fish-

ing with undersized nets off

His vessel, the 165ft Cote

Saint Jacques, from Fécamp,

had been operating inside the

4,000 square mile "box" recently declared a restricted area by the EEC for mass trawling.

M Paul Bellamy, of Yport,

France, the skipper, pleaded not

guilty, saying that the prosecution had been brought under

the wrong section of the Sea

His contention was rejected by the magistrates who made no order regarding the £6,000 catch or the nets worth about £2,000.

Fish Conservation Act, 1967.

of trawler

Corwall on Sunday,

source of the Budget leak

By Hugh Noyes

Westminster

ciation, said that Mr Nicholas Winterton had spoken to members before deciding to vote against the Government. He said: "I am happy about him rebelling on this particular

But misgivings were expres-sed by two constituency chairmen. Mr Roy Writer, from Bodmin, said that Mr Robert Hicks had not consulted the local association, "I accept his point of view but I feel that anyone who voted against the Govern-ment should at least have put forward alternative proposals for raising the revenue."

Mr William Podmore from Leek said that he did not support Mr David Knox's vote against the Budget. There had been no consultation. "He was elected on a manifesto. We are in full agreement with Mrs

Some chairmen of constituen-cies whose MPs abstained also expressed misgivings. Mr Geoff-rcy Griffin from Bexleyheath said that he was unhappy about the abstention of Mr Cyril Townsend. "If you do not raise revenue from the petrol tax, where do you get it from?"

Mr Norman Jopling, from Falmouth and Camborne, said that Mr David Mudd had not consulted him before resigning as parliamentary private secretary to Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State at the Department of

Energy.
Committee battle: The Government will have to fight its parliamentary battle over the petrol rax increase on the floor of the Commons agai owhen the issue reemerges in the com-mittee discussions on the Finance Bill (Michael Hatfield

writes). The increase is one of the resolutions the Opposition wants debated in the Chamber rather than in the committee room. It is possible that the number of Tories who voted against (six) or abstained (25) ombany had told her that it could be increased if an amend-ould cost an extra £340 a lorry ment is called to balve the 20p the petrol tax was introduced. increase and the Government leaving the country at Mr John Bosworth, agent of resists. Leading article, page 15

Minister that the leaks from

her Government would seem to have developed into a steady

Would the right honourable lady, he asked, enlighten the House about the basis for the inquiry into the alleged Budget

"I personally, do not set up

inquiries into matters within the province of the Treasury", the Prime Minister replied. "It

is set up in the normal way by

mal Civil Service departments."

Jumping to his feet (the Labour leader is remarkably

spry these days, now that his

Treasury through the nor-

the Prime Minister replied.

Mrs Thatcher negative on leak

## prepared to step up disruption By Donald Macintyre

Cosmas Desmond:

Used me as a scapegoat.

Amnesty

director

dismissed

A prolonged and bitter dis-uze within the British section

of Amnesty International has led to the dismissal of the dir-ector, Mr Cosmas Desmond.

A meeting of the executive council on Saturday considered a report into the dispute by a

special commission of inquiry headed by Mr Peter Archer, QC,

the former Solicitor General, and decided to dismiss Mr Des-

A socialist and former Fran-

ciscan priest. Mr Desmond, aged 45, was appointed to the £10,700

a year job in May, 1979. He had spent 19 years in South Africa, where he was put under house arrest, and left the

country after death threats to

his family. He said yesterday that he was

"utterly and completely amazed" by the council's decision. "They have taken no account about what has happened during the past two years

and have used me as a scapegoat" he said.

The dispute within the British section started last September when Mr Desmond decided to reorganize the staffing

of the office, made up of volumteers and professionals.

By John Witherow

The Inland Revenue Staff Federation (IRSF) yesterday prepared itself for a further serious escalation of the Civil Service dispute. It said it was ready to withdraw up to 9,000 members from work if the Government steps up contingency measures to evade the strike by tax computer staff.

Labour Reporter

Pickets are expected outside the Inland Revenue's offices in Bush House, London, this morn-ing in an attempt to block fresh management moves to evade the effects of the strikes at the computer centres' at Cumbernauld, in Scotland, and Shipley, in West Yorkshire.

The Civil Service unions mounted a picket at Bush House yesterday after learning that the management were bringing corporation tax and income tax heques of more than £3,500 to London from the two centres.

According to union sources. 12 senior management members

of the Inland Revenue were processing and banking the cheques as they came in. The IRSF decided last night that it would retaliate if management insisted in involving regional offices in the receipt and banking of payments nor-mally handled at the computer centres as well as chasing

Selective strikes continued yesterday, including a stoppage by 260 computer staff at the VAT computer centre in South-

end
Lord Soames, who as Lord
President of the Council is responsible for the Civil Service,
travels to Zimbabwe on Friday for a week-long visit to discuss government aid. The Civil Service Department insisted yesterday that his absence made no difference to pros-

pects for a settlement. The unions expressed anger last night that the Govern-ment's chief negotiator was

ankle is restored to good health)

Mr Foot took it that this was a normal inquiry into the usual

He pointed out that perbaps

the most serious leakage was the suggestion that it would not be possible to have a pre-Budget meeting of the Cabinet

to discuss the Budget because

Mr Foot wondered whether the Prime Minister would care to name the tes-time traitors.

she could never remember a

Mrs Thatcher replied that

of the danger of leakage

leakage.

According to sources within the section, the necessity of reorganization to cope with a rapidly expanding membership (numbers have grown from 8,000 in 1978 to 17,000 today) was accepted but Mr Des-mond's methods were unpopular.
The increasingly acrimoni-

ous dispute led to an occupa-tion, a partial strike and several resignations. The mat-ter went before the council in January, when Mr Desmond's reorganization was supported but the council changed its mind last month and called for the report.
The crux of the matter is

considered to be the British section's rapid expansion, creating unprecedented strains which have soured staff relarions. Mr Desmond believes he has been caught in the middle Budget which was discussed in by trying to expand the grass-Cabluet before the Budget was roots membership while keep-prepared. "Never", she added. ing a highly motivated pressure Parliamentary report, page 9 | group.

# Llanelli This works is not for

Duport workers' children at Downing Street knocking the last nail in the steelwork's coffin.

#### Kite-flyers warned

Farmers who use high-flying kites as bird scarers were warned by the Ministry of Defence yesterday that there could be "a catastrophic accident" with low flying aircraft or helicopters unless strict regulations are followed.

#### Church tower protest

Villagers at Bladon, Oxfordshire, where Sir Winston Churchill is buried, have signed a petition calling on church authorities to drop a plan to demolish the stone pinnacles on the tower which overlooks his

Bewildered steelmen plead for their jobs From Tim Jones Llanelli

Mrs Thatcher's personal reply to their joint works committee seems to the workforce at the Duport steel plant at Llanelli to be more than a little ironic. For when she wrote to them last month the Prime Minister said: "I acknowledge all the efforts which the Llanelli management and workforce have put in to make the works com-

petitive. I wish that the rest of British industry could tell a workers and their families travelled to London from South The praise is hard to stomach for in two weeks the plant, which has been almost three times as efficient as a British Steel Corporation operation of similar size, will close. More than 1,000 highly skilled men will be out of work, local unemployment levels will be

pushed beyond 20 per cent and 521m a year will be sucked out of the local economy.

National Front

of police action

Mr Martin Webster, national

activities organizer of the National Front, yesterday presented to Scotland Yard a dossier which he said showed that the Anti-Nazi League had

published addresses and tele-phone numbers of party mem-

Mr Webster, who discussed

the allegations with Mr Wilford

Gibson, Assistant Commissioner

at Scotland Yard, said he would

also protest about alleged police

harrassment of National Front

literature sellers at Chelsea and

Less than two weeks ago a deputation led by Mr Peter Hain, the anti-apartheid cam-

painger met police chiefs tu

complain about attacks on the

West Ham football clubs.

complains

By a Staff Reporter

bers and officials.

Wales to plead for their jobs while others attended a prayer meeting in Llanelli town centre

to pray for employment. The whole experience has left the whole experience may set the men frustrated and be-wildered for they believe they have subscribed to those quali-ties of hard work and efficiency which they thought would be rewarded under a Conservative Government.

## Labour MPs in backlash on a Scottish assembly

Ey Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter The devolution dispute which divided the Labour Party and eventually brought down the last Labour Administration broke out again last night. Mr Michael Foot, leader of

from Labour backbenchers discuss tactics for mounting majority the annual conference tive and tax-raising powers. Anti-devolutionist Labour MPs, angered at the decision,

Cabinet and the national executive committee gives any conmitment. The first sign of a revolt

emerged last night when the Northern group of Labour MPs decided to seek a meeting with Mr Foot to voice their objections. The group is to have a the party, is facing a backlash special meeting next week to against the decision taken by opposition. One proposal is a the Labour Party in Scotland national referendum, including last weekend. By a two-to-one England, Scotland and Wales,

The last Labour Administrain Perth called upon the next tion was brought down when Labour government to set up a supporters of devolution in the Scottish assembly with legisla. Scottish referendum failed to Scottish referendum failed to pall enough "Yes" votes to meet the unti-devolutionist requirement that 40 per cent homes of Anti-Nazi League want a full-scale debate inside of the electorate, not of those the party before the Shadow roting, should approve.

Hijacked helicopter was to be used to free IRA terrorist leader

# Five sentenced for plotting jail escape

Two Belfast men were each sentenced to I wo beneat men was each sentenced to Judge at the Central Criminal Court for firearms offences and their part in planning the prison escape of the man who organized a Provisional IRA campaign in London in 1975.

That man, Brian Keenan, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in addition to the 18-year sentence he is serving after conviction last year for conspiracy to cause explosions and firearms offences.

In the course of a two-week trial the court was told of plans to use a helicopter to rescue Mr Keenan from Brixton prison. was awaiting trial.

Mas awaiting trial.

After sentencing Mr Keenan, aged 39, Robert Campbell, aged 38, Richard Glenholmes, aged 47, and two women, Mr Justice Pain praised the police for foiling a very dangerous conspiracy". The judge told Mr Keenan it would be "furile" to pass a concurrent sentence where no penalty was suffered at all. The conspiracy had been serious.

Mr Campbell and Mr Glenholmes were

each given sentences of five years for conspiracy to effect the escape and 10 years each for the firearms charges, to be sewed concurrently. Mrs Margaret Parratt, aged 35, of

Southgate, north London, while Miss Jacqueline O'Malley, aged 32 of Notting Hill, west London, was given an 18-month suspended sentence and fined 51000

fined £1,000. Commander Michae Turning to Commander Michae Richards, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, the judge told him: "I d not want to leave this court withou commending the work of you and you men." An escape could have led to

casualties, perhaps loss of life.
The judge said: "You pounced a exactly the right moment. The actua arrest was carried out in exemplar

# Conspirator failed to elude police surveillance

bank.

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

The man on the Leinster ferry waited until the customs shed was empty and the security check at the Liverpool berth was over, then walked down
the gangplank as though he
were a member of the crew.
Mr Robert Campbell, a burly
Belfast man in his late thirties,
was nothing if not careful, but his cautious landing was a waste of effort. Special Branch officers had been following him for some time on his trips to England. Once again they picked up the trail as he left the dock.
They were slowly pulling together the threads of an
audacious escape plot. Mr
Campbell, had a part in a plan

to free Mr Brian Keenan, the man behind a Provisional IRA campaign in Britain which ended with nine people dead, another 100 injured and the Balcombe Street siege in the autumn of 1975. Mr Keepan would be lifted

out of Brixton prison, while awaiting trial, by a hijacked helicopter. It was the stuff of which Hollywood scripts are

The result of such an escape cannot be estimated. In 1975 Mr Keenan organized a group which eluded police for months, killing among others Mr Ross McWhirter, the writer, Profes-sor Gordon Hamilton-Fairley, the cancer expert, and Roger Goad, a bomb disposal expert. In the event the police swooped first and yesterday Mr Keenan and four others were sentenced at the Central Crimi-nal Court for planning the

4am on December 12, 1979, a team of marksmen from Scotland Yard's D11 branch carried out the final stage of "Operation Oris", arresting Mr Campbell and Mr Richard Glen-

Yesterday the court was told that Mr Campbell had escaped from prison in Northern Ire-land in 1972 after being sentenced to 11 years' imprison-ment for armed robbery. He was recaptured eight months
later and eventually released.
Mr Glenholmes, aged 47, also
a Belfast man, had no record. Both were family men with

children.
The police also arrested Miss

aged 35, a cousin of Mr Camphe was director of operation; bell, was separated from her for all Provisional attacks; husband. She was the secretary others had him as concerned the manager of a London nk. Both had Irish

sympathies. The joint effort to free Mr Keenan is thought to have been taken partly because of Mr Keenan's status, partly because of political considerations and no doubt because the escape would have been an enormous propaganda coup. Mr Keenan is thought to have

begun his move up through the Provisionals' ranks in the early 1970s. An intelligent, cool character with an ability so lead and plan, he is reported to have joined the inner councils of the Provisionals by the mid-1970s.

Born in Londonderry, he lived for periods in both Northern Ireland and Britain, working at one time as a television repair man. In 1974 he was convicted in Dublin of member-

Jacqueline O'Malley and Mrs
Margaret Parratt. Miss
O'Malley, aged 32, was a successful middle-ranking civil servant with the Ministry of Agriculture while Mrs Parratt, Some reports suggest and 25 a course of Mr Carat, he was director of operation

> only with the mainland offen In 1979 he was arrested in .-Northern Reland and by then held to be either deputy chief of staff or full chief of staff. He was flown back to Britain as ir turned out, by helicopter to the Battersea landing pad The artempt to free Mr Keenan was doomed from an early stage. From the moment Mr Campbell first landed in England in October, 1979, the police were waiting.

Surveillance brought them the other three and the shape and direction of their plans. With a background of intelligence and surveillance "Ous", named after the lift company was completed by a 30-stron team from the auti-terroris squad at Scotland Yard. Instead of losing a prisoner Brixton gained two more.

## Electoral reform likely | Named diplomat a soon, Mr Jenkins says pillar of village life

Vowing that electoral reformers will achieve pro-portional representation by the middle 1980s, Mr Roy Jenkins last night said that the Labour left could otherwise use the present system to come "very close to a recipe for an elective

dictatorship s.

Mr Jenkins also insisted that proportional representation could strengthen the moder-ate centre and provide a government closer to the wishes of the people and "enable us to bridge dangerous and growing . politico-geographical
divisions". He added: "What
are we waiting for?"

"In a speech to the Guildhall

banquet of the City Committee for Electoral Reform, Mr Jen-kins did not offer the specific kins did not offer the specific answer. It is, of course, to get as many MPs elected under the Social Democratic alliance for Conservatives, Mr Jenkins argued that what was less argued that what was democratic alliance argued that what was democratic alliance argued that what was democratic argued that was democratically argu

For the first time publicly, ties. Mr Jenkins indicated his pre- Scar stituency members predominate but with "topping up" from second votes for party lists. Mr Jenkins did not go much He said at the Guildhall further. And one reason is banquet that the British parliathat the Liberal Party policy is for the single transferable representative of its electorate.

vote system. Mr Jenkins's main purpose last night was to inspire the ase for proportional represenBut noting how the ability of minorities to hold power had "greatly and unaccept-ably increased", witness the current Conservative majority resulting from a third of the electorate, Mr Jenkus singled out Labour.
"The dangers of such a post-

tion, particularly when, as in the Labour Party, it is fortified by a determined move towards caucus domination, towards the control of a majority of MPs, themselves representing a minority of voters, by a tiny and tighter-knit minority of party activists, whose pretensions grow greater as their numbers grow smaller, is obvious.

"Add to that the proposals for a single-chamber Parliament, and you are very close to a recipe for an elective dictator-

extract a commitment to legis obvious but still more damnlate, on proportional repre-ing" in the present system was sentation in the next Parlia- that it was "unfair to the majority", and not just minori-

Scarman criticism: The workference for the West German ings of Parliament were type of additional member sys-tem, in which individual con-scarman, a Law Lord and a former chairman of the Law Commission (the Press Association reports).

> Either the two-chamber system should be strengthened, or there should be a written con-stitution, entrenched and stitution, entrenched an guarded by a supreme court.

By Richard Ford Sir Peter and Lady Hayman live at Oxmore House on the edge of the Oxfordshire village of Checkendon, where they have the affairs of the community. They left the large detached house, set back from the road, last week for a holiday abroad.

Their son, Mr Christopher Hayman, said: "They are on the Continent touring and we have no idea where they are or when they will be back". The couple have a married daughter who lives in Canada, In Checkendon, Sir Peter and his wife could be relied upon

to help out at fetes and were noted for the cocktail parties they held at their home. He had been a committee member of the Checkendon branch of the Conservative Party and vicechairman for several years until he resigned about a month ago. They both worshipped at the local Anglican church, where Sir Peter is a sidesman and his

wife is a member of the parochial church council. She has told the vicar that she will not be standing for the council Sir Peter was also much in demand to represent Checken-

don in a local inter-village quiz where his knowledge of history was useful. He was deputy chairman of

the South Oxfordshire Conservative Association from 1976 to

On resigning from the vice-chairmanship of the local branch, Sir Peter told Mr John Robinson, the chairman, that it was time someone elsa took perverts over. Mr Robinson said that activities.

signed because he wanted in save his friends and the asso ciation any embarrassment. "That is the kind of man he

is. I am deeply, deeply sad dened for his wife and family She is a lovely person. She Peter has done a lot for the village and our party. Whenever anything going on, they were one of the

first couples to be asked to Sir Peter was educated a

Stowe and at Worcester College, Oxford. He began his career in the Civil Service as an assistant principal in the Home Office and after war ser vice in the Rifle Brigade and a further spell at the Home Office transferred to the Minitry of Defence in 1949. He served as personal assistant to the minister's chief staff officer before becoming assistant secretary to the minister. He was on the United Kingdom delegation to Nato, and a counsellor in Belgrade and Baghdad.

He was minister and deput commandant with the British Military Government in Berlin and served in the foreign Office before becoming High Commissioner in Canada until his retirement in 1974. He was knighted in 1971 and

his hobbies include shooting fishing and travel. Police inquiries failed to fine any evidence that the man bac any sexual experiences with young boys or girls. He was thought to fantasize abou children, and get his "kicks" by writing letters to other

perverts describing obscen-

#### Mr Duffy hints at postal vote funds acceptance

By Our Labour Staff
The clearest hint yet that the
Amalgamated Union of Enginearing Workers (AUEW) is prepared to accept government money for financing postal bal-lots was given by Mr Terence Duffy, the president, yesterday. Mr Duffy told the AUEW's women's conference in East-

bourne that the union's policy-making national committee, which is due to decide on the issue at the end of next mouth, would not succumb to any out

would not succumb to any outside threats.
The TOG General Council
has made it clear that it would
take a dim view of unions
accepting funds for ballots
under the Employment Act.
Mr. Duffy said yesterday:
"Critics say we should not
accept government funds for
elections yet for many years elections, yet for many years the TUC has accepted money from the Government to fur ther its educational work.

# NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibers FRONTS Warm Cold Occurren

Today Sun sets : 6.10 pm Sup rises: 6.09 am Moon sets : 5.36 am Moon rises : 3.50 pm

Fall Moon: March 20.
Lighting up: 6.40 pm to 5.36 am.
High Water: London Bridge 12.11
am, 6.6m; 12.42 pm, 6.9m. Avonmouth 5.59 am, 12.2m; 6.26 pm,
12.5m. Dover 10 am, 6m: 10.10
pm, 6.2m. Hull 5.05 am, 6.7m;
5.15 pm, 6.9m. Liverpool 10.04
am, 8.6m; 10.27 pm, 8.7m.
11:=0.3045m im=3.2806ft Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: An intense depression will be-come slow moving NE of Scotland

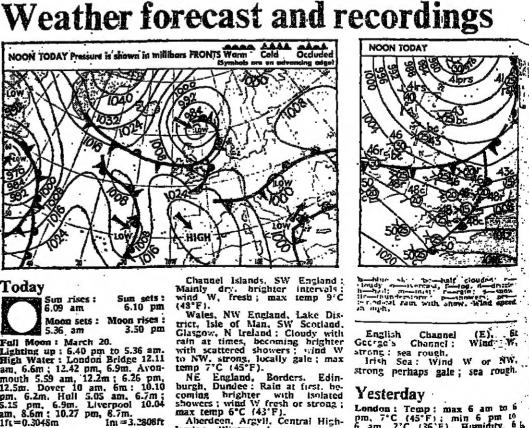
with weakening troughs moving SE over the British Isles.
London, SE England: Becoming cloudy with a little rain but brighter later; wind W, moderate increasing fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F), frosty early.

Ease Anglia Compal S. Control East Anglia. Central S. Central N and E England, Midlands:
Mostly cloudy with a little rain, becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind W to NW fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, foir; r,

first but some rain alter.

Sea passages: S North Sca. Straits of Dover: Wind SW. strong perhaps gale; sea rough.



English Channel (E). 6 George's Channel: Wind W strong perhaps gale; sea rough

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.04 in. Sun. 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.3.6 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.014.6 millibars. rising.

1.000 millibars = 29.53 jp. showers; wind (7 fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F). Hondon: Temp: max 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min lands: Wintry showers, sunny intervals: wind W. strong to gale; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney. Shetland: Wintry showers, heavy at times and perhaps prolonged; wind mainly W to NW, gale or severe gale: max temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rather cold with wintry showers in the N: becoming less cold in the S; mainly dry at first but some rain after.

London: Temp: max 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Hours, 82 per cent. Rain, 9 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 9 pm,

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# Heavy lorries to be banned from large area of north London in experimental scheme

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in September.

Announcing the ban vester-day the Greater London Council said it was experimental and of the council's planning and not intended to stop lorries

ibrough the area bounded by the A1, M25, A10 and the North Circular Road.

From Christopher Thomas

A reserve policeman was shot by the IRA in the centre of

Londonderry yesterday and was

in a serious condition last night. He was hit in the arm and

abdomen by a single shor while on patrol with two other men. The area was nearly deserted

because shops were closed for

St Patrick's Day.
A police station in the city was stoned by youths after a rally in support of the Maze hunger strike and a bar in

mers were injured

spondent writes)

predominantly Protestant Waterside area was stoned for about 10 minutes. Three custo-

In west Belfast, hunger strike

supporters ignored the wishes of the organizers of a St Patrick's Day parade and joined the march, carrying banners.

Haughey optimism: Mr Charles

Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, spoke of the wide-

pread regret at the partition-

ing of Ireland in a St Patrick's Day message yesterday, and

aid closer cooperation between

freland and Britain was the most hopeful development for

some time (our Dublin Corre-

All men of good will regretted the divisions and enmittees be-tween Irish people. "The great majority, however, remain committed to the ideal of a

sovereign, independent, united and peaceful Ireland based on

The Union of Construction,

Allied Trades and Technicians

yesterday formally rejected a

pay offer which would mean a

four-month pay freeze followed

by a 5.75 per cent increase in

The union's executive des-

justice and reconciliation".

By Our Labour Staff

minimum earnings.



The shaded area where lorries of more than 7.5 tonnes gross

The ban is the first in Britain likely to be difficult. The police Heavy lorries are to be to cover such a big area, one- are not in favour, believing twelfth of greater London. Its that it will be difficult for of north London when a new effect on traffic will be monithen to decide whether lorries effect on traffic will be moni-tored by GLC engineers and planners who will prepare re-Ports Mr Alan Greencross, leader

are seeking access.

In a letter to the committee last October, Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Com-missioner, said the scheme should not go ahead until the M25 ring road, had been fin-iched

The committee was told, however, that self-enforcement would be effective, similar hans on a small scale having reduced heavy goods vehicle traffic elsewhere by between 50 and 80

The scheme has been worked out over the last two and a half years, with detailed consulta-tions over the past seven months. People living in the banned area were strongly in

The Road Haulage Associa-tion protested that the scheme would cause severe congestion
The GLC was told that an
estimated 3,500 lorries a day
would be affected and about
3,000 of those were expected to
be diverted on to the M25

when it opens.

The GLC also announced another restriction yesterday, on "road-trains"—forries towing a rigidly fastened trailer.

The ban affects "trains" more than 15 5 m lines and applies than 15.5m long and applies to the whole of London apart from a few trunk roads. Lorries towing fairground and circus equipment are exempt.

#### Woman was found to be alive in coffin

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From Our Correspondent Gloucester

A woman certified dead from drugs overdose came back to life in a mortuary yesterday. Mrs Jacqueline Rosser, age 32, was later unconscious and critically ill at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Gloucesters She had been found at her home in Chapel Street, Strond, early yesterday morning. A doctor certified death and an

Gloucester mortuary,
It is understood that Mrs Rosser was seen to be breathing by the mortuary attendant when he opened the coffin. A resuscitation team was then called in.
Mr David Faulkner, the Chel-

undertaker took her to the

"A death was reported to me in the usual way and in accordance with standard procedures I gave authority for the body to be removed to the mortuary. It is a most unfortunate incident Mr Lionel Rosser, of Park Road, Nailsworth, near Stroud. said: "We were divorced about

three years ago. She has been ill for about 10 years." Mr Rosser added that he was Mr Rosser added that he was about to tell their two sons about their mother's death when he received a telephone message saying she was abve. Dr Graham Voss of Beeches Green Health Centre, Strond, confirmed that he had certified

Mrs Rosser was dead but he declined to answer questions

#### walks are being organized by British Heritage Tours, with trained guides provided by the English Tourist Board. dozen blind people, some with guide dogs, Quiet requiem service for former head of MI6

Tours for the blind: Guided tours for the

blind around Manchester and Chester were

initiated yesterday as a contribution to the

International Year for Disabled People

(John Chartres writes from Manchester). A

By a Staff Reporter

the 14 new, departmentally related select committees which would be given the power to recommend to the Commons that reductions or alterations in the balance between financial estimates should be made, after such estimates had been pre-sented to the Commons by Whitehall departments. The-committees should not, however, be allowed to suggest increases

Mr du Cann

MPs curbing

Mr Edward du Cann, chair-

man of the Commons Select Committee on the Treasury and the Civil Service, yesterday out-lined his proposals for altering the balance of power between Westminster and Whitehall by restoring to Parliament the

right to grant or withhold funds. for government spending programmes.

The scheme would involve

argues for

spending

By Peter Hennessy

Only by exerting influence on money matters would the select committees be able to exercise real authority, Mr du Caun, Conservative MP for Taunton, told the Commons Select Committee on Procedure

He said that Parliament's failure to scrutinize expendi-ture was a disgrace: "Our systems are complex.

they are archaic, they are a denial of democracy. Mr du Cann, who also chairs the liaison committee, consist-ing of all committee chairmen, which he dubbed a trade union of select committees, said Mr-Joel Barnett, Labour MP for Heywood and Royton, a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury and chairman of the Commons-public accounts committee public accounts committee,

backed his views although other chairmen were less enthusiastic. Challenged by an assertion from Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, that select committees acting in the way, he suggested might become "parties within parties", Mc du Cann said he was proud to be a party man.

"Yet one has other loyalties. One has a greater loyalty to-this institution [Parliament] and to the constitution."



visited some of Manchester's main attrac-

tions, including (above) the statue of

#### are to be hanned after September. **IRA** shoots Mr Reagan condemns Ulster violence By Our Foreign Staff reserve President Ronald Reagan yesterpoliceman

day condemned the violence in Northern Ireland and urged Americans to question closely any appeal for financial or other aid from groups involved

in the conflict.

In a St Patrick's Day statement, Mr Reagan said the United States "will continue to urge the parties to come together for a just and peaceful

He added: "I pray and hope that the day will come when the tragedy of history which now tor Daniel Moyniban and Mr

jury at Lewes Crown Court yesterday how he went to search for Jonathan Lewis, the man he is alleged to have killed.

He said Mr Lewis failed to

appear at adinner party given for his wife, Jane. During the party, Mr Wallace said, he fel:

ill and went home to get some medicine, and also drove around

to see if he could find Mr Lewis. The prosecution alleges that

way Road, Arundel, killed Mr Lewis before the party during a row about his relationship

The jury has been told that

Mr Wallace, information officer with Arun District Council, fell in love with Mrs Lewis, aged

The two sides are in any case

due to meet again on April 9 and union leaders, having made

with Mrs Lewis.

'It's a knockout' man tells

Colin Wallace, who had 29, his assistant, while they helped organize an It's a Knock-worked together organizing the out television programme told a It's a Knockout programme

of missing dinner guest

afflicts Northern Ireland will be Hugh Carey, Governor of New overcome, by faith, the courage and love of freedom and justice of the Irish.
"We will continue to con-

demn all acts of terrorism. In another development in Washington, a group of prominent Irish-Americans has announced the formation of au organization to be called the Friends of Ireland.

The main signatories are Senator Edward Kennedy, Mr Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives, Sena-

29, his assistant, while they worked together organizing the It's a Knockout programme filmed in Arundel last July.

Mr Wallace, a married man, denies the manslaughter of Mr Lewis, an antiques dealer, whose body was recovered from

river. A charge of murder has

Mr Wallace said yesterday that he had arranged a dinner for Mrs Lewis on August 5. Her

husband asked to meet him beforehand, and he assumed it

was to discuss the party.
They met ar his bome,

off in Arundel.
The trial continues today.

The organization will be set up in a few weeks and initially its membership will be limited to members of the two houses of Congress.

The organization will rival the ad hoc Committee on Ireland set up by Congressman Mario Biaggi, that acts as an apologist for the Provisional IRA.

The organization says: "We take satisfaction that American support for the violence has

## body lax. came out of retirement to act

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The requiem service for Sir

Maurice Oldfield was, as beins
a man who spent much of his
life in the twilight world of
espionage, a quier affair.

Rigging from the

Over Haddon in Derbyshire for a family funeral service and

Sir Maurice, who recently part in parish affairs,

as Security Coordinator in Northern Ireland, died on March 11, aged 65.

a man who spent much of his life in the twilight world of espionage, a quiet affair.

Figures from the secret world of intelligence joined friends and parishioners at St. Matthew's Church in Westminster yesterday to pay their final respects to the former head of British intelligence before his coffin was taken to Over Haddon in Derbyshire for MI6. Sir Maurice Ilved a brisk

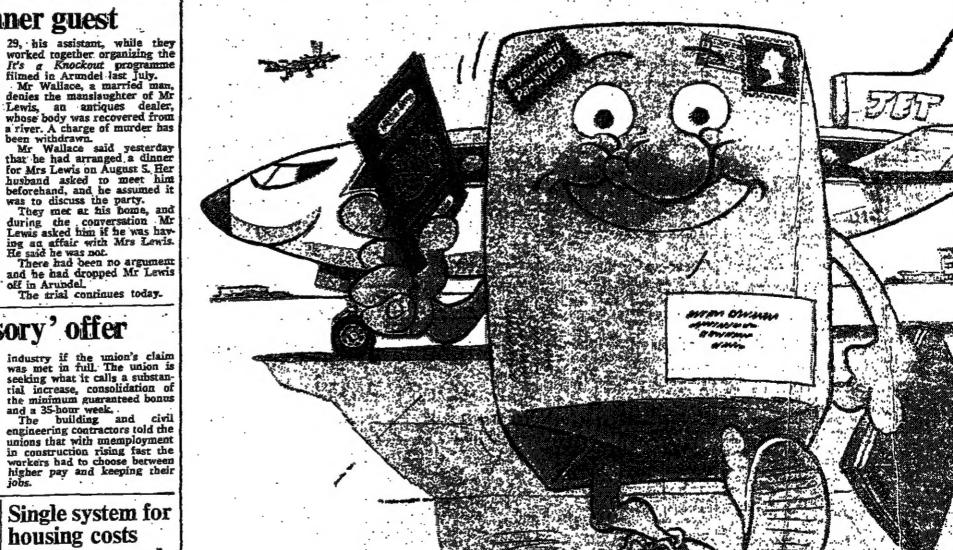
two minutes' walk from St Matthew's and took an active

## Karate governing inquest jury says

An inquest jury yesterday criticized the Martial Arts Commission, a governing body of karate, for being/lax in intro-ducing new safety rules, after a fighter collapsed and died during a karate frout.

But it decided no one was to blame for the death of Mr Joseph Logue, aged 25, who suffered a heart attack, and ceturned a verdict of death by misadventure.

No doctor was present when Mr Logue collapsed during a compention at his home fown of Bracknell, Berkshire, 10 days



Why do businesslike export parcels fly Royal Mail?

#### Beggar lived in Hyde Park for 12 years, report says By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Research Unit, was of some per sistent offenders at Pentonville

A Pole lived for 12 years in the open in Hyde Park and survived by begging. A prisoner in Pentonville had 60 convictions in 30 years, nearly half of them since 1960 for ordering and eatmg meals in restaurants without

Those are the stories of two men in a study published yesterday of persistent petty offen-

The ear of one man arrested at Bethnal Green was balfsevered from his head and the police felt that a hospital would be unwilling to deal with him in his drunken state. At the nedical care he needed.

Part of the study, published

Persistent Petty Offenders: Home Office Research Study No 66 (Stationery Office, £3.90). police station "he received the medical care he needed ".

Prison. Two thirds of those serv ing one month or less in the sample had been born in Scot-land or Ireland. Only one was a

The report says that sen-

tences of imprisonment given to

persistent petry offenders often appeared out of proportion to the seriousness of the offence.

But magistrates had few options. An extremely high pro-portion of those who returned

most frequently to Pentonville

were homeless and penniless.

to settle homeless offenders into accommodation showed

that such a service could be

Action taken at Pentonville

it clear that strike action was possible if the employers stood by their present offer, are hoping for an improved offer on that date. The employers told the unions in negotiations this week that it would be suicidal for the

tribed the offer as derisory and requested the union's negotia-

Building union rejects 'derisory' offer industry if the union's claim was met in full. The union is seeking what it calls a substanrial increase, consolidation of the minimum guaranteed bonus and a 35-hour week.

The building and civil engineering contractors told the in construction rising fast the workers had to choose between higher pay and keeping their jobs.

#### Single system for housing costs help is proposed

Proposals for a new unified housing benefit, affecting about five and a half million households in Britain, are contained in a consultation document issued to local authorities yesterday by the Department of the Environment.

At present, help with hous-ing costs is provided either through supplementary benefit, unrough supplementary benefit, administered by the Department of Health and Social Security, or through local authority rent and rate rebates and allowances.

The consultation paper suggests that all such assistance gests that all such assistance should in future be administered by local authorities.

The Child Poverty Action Group said last night that the proposals would benefit pensioners and people paying high rents, at the expense of families with low incomes. with low incomes.

Reporter denies provocateur role

From Michael Horsnell Middlesbrough

A former reporter for The Times denied yesterday that he had acted as an agent provocateur in persuading a young criminal to make contact with Police officers during an invesigation by the newspaper into Police corruption, in the hope that one would eventually agree

to meet him.

Mr Gareth Lloyd, who is now a BBC television reporter, also rejected claims ar Tecsside Crown Court, Middlesbrough, that he had concocted notes about the investigation after receiving "advice from certain

Mr Lloyd was giving evidence under cross-examination by former Det Sergeant John Symonds, aged 45, who is accused of obtaining a total of

£150 in 1969 from Mr Michael Perry, in return for helping

him over an arrest.
Mr Symonds, who denies three corruption charges suggested that Mr Lloyd was eager to write a sensational story regardless of the evidence.

Mr Lloyd replied: "Do not be farcical, Mr Symonds. We were dealing with professional were deating with protessional corrupt police officers."

Mr Symonds, who left the country in 1972 while on bail awaiting trial and only returned last May, is conducting how own defence. He asked why his mame had not been included in

notes taken by Mr Lloyd on October 27, 1969. October 27. 1969.

Mr Lloyd replied: "You were an extremely peripheral figure in the early stages of the investigation. We were interested in another police officer."

Mr Llyod denied that tape-recordings allegedly taken of conversations between Mr Perry and police officers, including Mr Symonds, had been partly erased in order to avoid the suggestion that he had acted as

an agent provocateur. an agent provocateur.

All original tape-recordings and copies had been handed to the police. Mr Lloyd added:

"The control of the police inquiry which followed was corried out by an arrangly inquiry which followed was carried out by an extremely corrupt police officer now in jail and I do not know if he muddled up any of these tapes. Any muddling did not occur during my custody of them."

Mr Lloyd denied that tapeled heep given to Mr Perry to

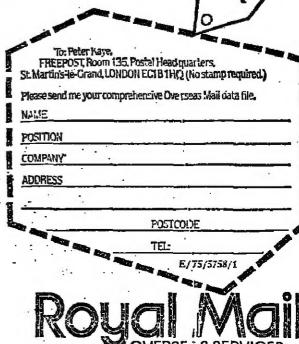
had been given to Mr Perry to pay the detective. "I would not dream of giving you a farthing", Mr Lloyd said. The hearing continues today. Life's a lot easier when you export through the Royal Mail.

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## Brain death criteria critic withdraws claim made on TV

The doctor who claimed that two patients who fulfilled the British criteria for diagnosing hrain death had in fact survived unreservedly withdrew the allegation yesterday.

The retraction by Dr Ronald Paul, consultant neurophysiologist at Walsgrave Hospital, Covenery, of the claim he made in the second of two BBC television programmes about brain death, appears in a letter to be published in The Lancet this

·It came as the two consultant neurosurgeons directly involved in the cases revealed in an interview with The Times that neither patient fulfilled the criteria and that neither was diagnosed as brain-stem dead. Both patients had eye re-flexes, which have to be absent before brain-stem death can be

established.
Mr Michael Briggs, consultant neurosurgeon at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, said that in the case of one patient he had written "Not brain dead" on the patient's notes.

Mr William Whatmore, con-Sultant neurosurgeon in the Coventry area, who saw both patients, said that in the case of the other patient "at no time was he considered brain dead

and the tests were never formally applied ".

Both neurosurgeons said they had no idea from where Dr Paul had originally got his informa-

Pr Paul said yesterday he had made an honest mistake. "I misinterpreted some data I was given honestly and I took it at face value without double checking it as I should have done. I unreservedly withdraw the statement I made on televi-

sion.
"This new evidence has convinced me completely, and I am sorry I even said what I did." Dr Paul emohasized that his view remained unchanged that even if brain-stem death was proven statisfactorily, he would not say that was the point of total brain death. "Other tests are needed such as an electro-

cucephalogram (e.g.) or an angiogram (a test of blood circulation in the brain)." Dr Paul's withdrawal was welcomed by Professor Gordon Robson, secretary of the conference of medical royal colleges which drew up the criteria for the diagnosis of brain-stem

death.
The two cases referred to hy Dr Paul appeared to be the only evidence to date that there might be flaws in the criteria. These cases have now been discredited. His state-

Dr Pasal's withdrawal came on the same day as two applica-tions to the Court of Appeal in London failed. They could have provided the first detailed legal test of the British criteria for

brain death. The court held that doctors who switched off life-support systems could not be blamed for the deaths of two women in unrelated cases after assaults that have led to convictions for

The count rejected an appeal by Richard Malcherek, aged 33, of Portion, Wikshire, and an application for leave to appeal by Anthony Steel ,aged 234, of Bradford, the applica-tions being made on the same eround.

The court decided not to hear medical evidence, in-cluding evidence from Dr Paul, cluding evidence from Dr Paul, that would have questioned, and possibly established in case law, he British criteria for disguising brain-stem death.

Lord Lantr, the Lord Chief Justice, said that in the circumstances of those cases: "It is not part of the task of this

court to inquire whether the criteria are not a satisfactory code of practice". Providing the doctors used geenrally accepted methods of

treatment and acted con-scientously they could not be held responsible for the deaths. The court's decision was greered with disappointment by some of the medical experts due to give evidence. Dr Christopher Pallis reader in neurology at the Royal Post-graduate Medical School, a supporter o fibe criteria, said: The brain death controversy

is going to be with us for the next decade. Sooner or later a decision will have to be taken in court that the concept of brain-stem death is recognized as being as vadid a yardstack o fdeath as the conventional criteria of death."

A decision by the court "would have made the work of the people practising in this field rather easier if we had

had some formal legal endorsement of the code".

One outcome of the whole controversy is that the conference of the royal medical colleges is likely next month to set up a working party to con-

sider amendments to the code

by which the criteria are

Professor Robson said yester-day the items likely to be con-sidered are: making a repeat of the tests mandatory, and providing that two consultants

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#### Welsh in poll Radio clues against nuclear plans court is told

From our Correspondent Cardiff

public inquiry demanded vesterday after an opinion poll revealed that 80 per cent of people in Wales were against the dumping of nuclear waste. The survey, which was carried out by the Welsh Anti-Nuclear

Alliance, showed that 62 per cent of 4,790 people questioned also thought the Government should spend more on the development of alternative energy The group, which plans to launch a campaign to link with the forthcoming local government elections, argues that the Government has failed to con-vince the public of the merits its nuclear power programme

Mr Peter Segger, chairman of the Welsh Anti-Nuclear Alliance, told a press conference in Cardiff that attempts by the pro-nuclear lobby to convince public meetings in Wales that there were no risks attached to the nuclear programme had clearly failed. The group argues that with overwhelming opposition to burying nuclear waste in Wales a special public inquiry should be instituted under section 48 of the Town and Country Plaiz-

# led to tug,

Radio mesages between two boats led customs officers to monitor and arrest the tug Sea Rover, a court was told yester-

day. Mr Frederick Maynard, for mid magithe Prosecution, told magi-strates at Lewes, East Sussex, that interception of the transmissions began the events which led to the chase of the Sea Rover in the Channel on March

Nine crew members and two other men are charged with fraudulently evading the prohibition of the importation of cannabis resin.

Mr Maynard said coastguards in Lowestoft intercepted mess-ages from two boats, using the code names Yankee and Dory, last October.

The tug was monitored on trips between Holland, Southampton, Gibraltar and the Bay of Biscay before being stopped. authorities recovered 60kg of cannabis

One defendant, Ernest Appleby, a cafe owner, of Hen-shaw Lane, Oldham, was given bail. The other 10 were ball. The other 10 were remanded in custody for a week, They are Brian Elion, aged 55, of Lower Lime Road. Oldham Wilfred Dufty, and 50, a well-employed builder, on North Croisian Filton, Oldham is the North Croisian Filton, Oldham is the control Croisian aged 50, a Wohammed Andul News. aged 42. Abdul Salzam Likhal, aged 52, and Robert Morris, aged 50, a Canadian engineer.

#### A member of a vigilante group keeping watch near a Bengali family's home in east London which has been stoned several times. Racial harassment on council estates is condemned

By Lucy Hodges By Lucy Hodges

Local councils are being asked to take a strong stand against racial harassment on housing estates and to punish the culprits, if necessary by charging them for damage or evicting them from their homes.

The Commission for Racial

Equality published a forceful report yesterday, which is being sent to all local authorities, advising councils to act swiftly when they hear about racial attacks. They should obtain the details immediately and inter-

details immediately and interview the victims, it says.

The report, prepared by the London Race and Housing Forum, contains nine case studies of families who have been subjected to harassment. One, the only black family on an estate, has endured threats of violence and even of death for years. The father is frightened to leave his family alone, the report says. eport says.

His car was extensively dam-

She said yesterday: "I have decided not to go to the tribunal as there is little hope of reinstatement. Although I may be awarded compensation it would

effectively come from the pockets of the ratepayers".

The former RAF base at Thorney Island, West Sussex, is to be taken over by the Army Chichester councillors were told

yesterday. At present it is occupied by 700 Vietnamese

Cover-up for the Queen

Hull has called of fa topless

beauty contest which would have coincided with a visit in July by the Queen to open the Humber bridge.

Body in cellar' funeral

Officer reprimanded

Sub-lieutenant Christopher Joice, aged 33, of HMS Ocelot, was severely reprimanded by a court martial at Portsmouth yes-

terday after being found guilty

of exposing himself to four

A pilot who parachuted from his single-seater Hunter jet air-

craft yesterday as it plunged into the sea off the Devon

coast, was rescued by an RAF belicopter. He is a civilian em-

ployed at the Royal Navy Air

output will be produced, is ex-pected to be completed by the autumn of 1983.

Station, Yeovilton, Somerset.

in a cellar.

Pilot rescued

RAF base for Army

In brief

One black family had excreta put through their flat's letter-box repeatedly; another man's car was damaged and set on fire twice. " A lot of caretakers are racialist and

aged and twice set on fire. The police told him they could do nothing and the housing depart-ment refused to take his com-

plaint seriously.

The family continues to live in a state of aerror and dejec-tion", the report says.

tions Board has surprised its colleagues in the Cambridge, Oxford, and Southern Schools

Examination Council (Cossec), one of the first and apparently

stablest of the proposed groups set up to develop and administer the new 16-plus examination, by its announced intention to puil

out of the group.

Dr Robert Lucas, a don at Keble College and chairman of

the Oxford examinations board, said yesterday that the board feared that there would not be

if left to their own devices would do nothing."

being punched, have diminished because the family is protected by a vigilante group. The London Race and Housing Forum went into action because of the council's failure tion the report says.

A Bengali garment worker, interviewed by The Times last November in his damaged flat in Mila End, Tower Hamlets, is still there, having applied to move months ago. He claims that the police and the council have done nothing to help.

Since November the attacks, which included stones being thrown through windows and his children to act and because racial attacks are increasing. One of its first tasks was to deal with a complaint about excreta being put through a black family's letter box. That happened repeatedly and the group decided to investigate.

Such incidents used to be reported to community relations councils about once or twice a month, it said yesterday. But now they arise once or twice a to act and because racial attacks

New delay likely on 16-plus exam

Mr David Lane, chairman of the commission, said yesterday:

This type of harassment is
one of the nastiest features of
urban life today. I appeal to
local authorities to take all
possible steps to stamp it out."

The report says that local authorities have the most important role of any institution in dealing with attacks. They should develop coherent policies and coordinate all local agencies involved in helping families. A senior housing officer should be appointed to

act as the coordinator. Councils should keep a register of racial incidents and make racial harassment a ground for

The report favours the transfer of renants only as a last resort and believes councils should do much more to

week in London and places like serring in tenancy agreements Oldham and Birmingham. a clause saying that harassment a clause saying that harassment will not be tolerated and should consider eviction on the snould consider eviction on the grounds of nuisance. Repairs should be made immediately to show the victims that action is being taken and to prevent the perpetrators from feeling successful.

"Visible damage to the property such as broken doors and graffiti will be noticed by others on the estate and just as vandalism can often be contagious so too tan Paki-bashing", the report says. Estates officers and caretakers should be involved in takers should be involved in the council policy

"A lot of caretakers are racialist and if left to their own devices would do nothing". Mr Richard Seager, a housing officer for the com-

mission, said.
Racial Harassment on Local
Authority Housing Estates (CRE,
Elliot House, 10-123 Allington
Street, London SW1. free).

## **APT** failure Closed shop rebel abandons fight Miss Joanna Harris, aged 20, who was dismissed from her job as a poultry inspector by Sandwell council, West Midlands, because she would not join a trade union, will not take the model of the existing industrial to the model of the existing and the model of the existing and the model of the likely loss of work as a result of the maintained schools. Under the department's proposals, there would be four main examining groups for board of the likely loss of work as a result of the Midlands. Cossec has argued strongly for the establishment of only three examination. The Oxford Local Examination. The Oxford Local Examination on the region they could serve. Under the department's proposals, there would be four main examining groups for England, with Cossec restricted to the Midlands. Cossec has argued strongly for the establishment of only three examination. The Oxford Local Examination. The Oxford Local Examination of the new main examining groups for board of the likely loss of work argued strongly for the establishment of only three examination. The Dxford board feels pargrossly exaggerated' By a Staff Reporter

British Rail yesterday said that some press reports alle-ging that the tilt mechanism in the Advanced Passenger Train

would lose a substantial number of its present clients. The the same way as, say the although the new examining based, each school would be free to choose to take the examinations of a group outside its own region.

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said yesterday that the board feared that there would not be enough examining work for the the past few weeks, it had be four GCE boards who are members of Cossec, given the relationship of the compact of the past few weeks, it had be strictions placed by the Depart freedom of choice do face for the new examination, but automatically returned a tilted coach to the upright position. That device would reduce the replaced by a single system; although there was de jure of the new examination, but automatically returned a tilted coach to the upright position. That device would reduce still more the remote possibility that at a few places where clearances were restricted two faulty coaches might touch if clearances were restricted two faulty coaches might touch if they happened to jolt towards £10.00 hardback, £4.95 paper.

## Children in hospital 'need home comforts'

A radical approach to nursing children in hospital which allows parents and families to be present 24 hours a day it they wish is called for in a book to be published tomorrow.

The book, The Other Side of Paediatrics, by Miss June Jolly a leading specialist in paediatric nursing, says: "For years i has been accepted practice to nurse children in isolation from their families, their friends and their environment."

But although each year medi cal and technical advances have looks, "something vital is mis-sing". improved sick children's out

Yesterday Miss Jolly said in London: "When I first started in nursing I was very concerned to see how children were separ to see now contaren were separated from their parents; and changed from their ordinary clothes into hospital clothes, looking like little orphan Annies standing bewildered by their cots."

There were still too many hospitals where children were shunted off "into adult ward. she said, because some branches of medicine were becoming more and more specialized and there was more new technology Even where children were put

into children's wards, many nurses had not been taught to cope with teaching a family a manage a sick child, only with the sick child in bed, she said the sick child in bed, she said.

A new approach to the way children are nursed was vital, considering that more than a quarter of children in Britain spend at least one night in hospital before the age of seven.

Miss Jolly outlines in her book several changes that can be effected within current cost restrictions, including the abolition of visiting hours for parents and families; the proparents and families; the provision of brightly painted wards with toys and goldfish and the use by nurses of flower-print smocks instead of starched

smocks instead of starched uniforms.

Meal times and bath times can also be adjusted to be more like home, she says. "Why do you need to get a child up at 5.30 and give him lunch at 11.30? It is quite crazy. There is no reason why that cannot be made more normal."

In many wards children are given two full meals a day. "But how many children normally ear a meal with two vegetables at 5.30 in the afternoon? Most prefer something

vegetables at 5.30 in the afternoon? Most prefer something
like beans on toast or fishfingers, which is cheaper and saves
staff time."

She also suggests that
nurses work 12-hour shifts, as
happens in some hospitals in

Canada, so that just two nurses are responsible for the child throughout the day.

Miss Jolly's approach, which she calls family-centred care, is

but also doctors and adminis-trators have a lot to learn.

#### Need for swift interception

#### Strategic importance The funeral service for Mrs Jeanette Traynor, who was killed by her husband 15 years ago, was held yesterday at Kirk-caldy crematorium, Fife. Her of Stornoway

bers of Cossec, given the re-strictions placed by the Depart-ment of Education and Science there would not be, at least

husband John, who was jailed last week, had hidden the body From Ronald Faux Stornoway

Behind the public inquiry into Ministry of Defence plans to modernize the Royal Air Force base at Stornoway lies a larger issue of Nato defence

The inquiry has been called because of objections by the Western Isles Island Council and entered its second day at Stornoway yesterday with evi-dence about work camps and fuel stores which residents fear could disrupt their lives and take up valuable farm land.
But the wider question of why Nato wants to develop the base lay unexamined in detail and outside the scope of the

inquiry. Some objectors find it hard to believe that Nato is prepared to spend at least £40m on a base that would lie idle except for occasional exercises or during times of international tension and war.

The area of greatest interest to Nato lies well north of

Stornoway, above the sea area separating Iceland from the Faroes; where about 250 Soviet aircraft are intercepted by the Royal Air. Force each year.

The Soviet aircraft, mainly Bears and Badgers, fly into the North Atlantic from the ex-panding Soviet base on the Kola Peninsula. Occasionally kola Peninsula. Occasionally the Nato radar screens pick up a particularly fast-moving dot which is interpreted as a TU 26 bomber, codenamed Backire, and regarded as one of the most lethal strike weapons the

making it essential to have a Nato base as near as possible to the area where it can be intercepted. Stornoway is the only candidate.

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Although other RAF bases in Britain are only a few extra minutes away by Phantom or Tornado aircraft, those minutes are seen as vital if a Soviet attack was launched through that back door to the United Kingdom.

Another worry among objectors is that a left-wing government in Iceland could force the Americans to quit the Nato base at Keflavik, obliging them to regroup on the expanded base at Stornoway.

The ministry, however, says it has received absolute assurances that the Americans would not quit the base, used for interception missions in the Iceland-Greenland gap.

Defence strategists also point out that it would be better for Stornoway to have any future conflict fought over the Icelandaroes gap than to allow the Mach 2 Soviet bombers time to get closer and perhaps to be intercented overhead. That again is ourside the

inquiry's scope, however, and Mr J. L. Marshall, principal planning officer, opened the council's case yesterday by describing the local dangers of upgrading the airfield. There was no single flight path, he said, under which few people would be subject to noise and nuisance. Many more

people at Stornoway would be affected than at other military airfields in Britain. The hearing continues today.

Tenants of a council estate at Bradford, West Yorkshire, are to be given a say in the man-agement of the estate in an effort to stop it becoming a

panel has approved neighbour-hood management for the 30year-old Thorpe Edge estate, where nearly a quarter of tenants in one part have asked to leave.

environment and standard of repair in the worst area to

automatically returned a tilted coach to the upright position.

That device would reduce lieves not only British nurses

#### Changes in 1981 archaeology awards project carried out by volun-teers, and Country Life is

offering a new award for the

best project by a professional team such as a local authority

or trust archaeological unit.
Two awards for children will

be offered again, the British Gas Young Rescue Award for an

By Norman Hammond Acchaeology Correspondent Changes in the British Archa-

cological Awards scheme, now en its fifth year, have been amounced for entries in 1981. Several awards have been redefined, and there will be only six awards this year.

The Times award, which has been presented to the business

year ago that the GCE O level and CSE examinations were to

of the new examination, but some feel that 1987 is a more

or commercial concern making the most significant contribu-tion to a British archaeological project, is not being offered this year. more general award, for

the best sponsorship of archaeology, is being offered by the

Illustrated London News, which has until now rewarded the best public presentation of a project.
The BBC Chronicle award is again being offered for the best

individual project by one or more children, and the Lloyd; Bank Schools Award for the best project by a school.

The final award will again
be the Legal and General
"Silver Trowel", an open award for the project showing the greatest initiative and originality. Those not included in the other five competitions can be entered direct for that

approval of projects, and entry forms can be obtained from the Council for British Archaeology. 112 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE; approval must be obtained before the end of May. Entries for the Chronicle award close on May 15, so that the BBC can visit likely finalists

with a comers team in the summer, and the other competitions, including final entries for the children's awards, close on September 1. Details of adult awards can

be obtained from British Archa-cological Awards, 15A Bull Plain, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG14 1DX, Nomination of SG14 1DX. Nomination of entries, with the consent of the entrant, is encouraged, as is award.

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### Bradford aims to stop estate

becoming a slum

The city council's personnel

The aim is to improve the

check the decline in the rest. It is intended to form a resi-dents' group to coordinate the activities of all organizations An extra five staff will be employed at an annual cost of

23,000, for five years. Three quarters of the money will come from the Government

### Teachers' dossier renews attack on spending cuts

By Our Education Correspondent

The National Union of Teachers publishes today a dossier on education spending cuts which, it says, provides further evidence of their devastating effects on educational provision in schools. Cuts in staffing mean that in

many local authorities' supply teachers will not now be provided in schools for the first week of a teacher's absence, or until a number of teachers are off sick at the same time, the union says. That could only increase the number of chil-

Thousands of teachers' jobs were due to be cut from the end of the summer term, and in most cases the numbers were well above what could be jus-tified by the fall in the number of pupils, it says. The effects on the curriculum were clear. Pupils were be-ing given less choice of sub-

remedial classes were being cut: and some subjects were being dropped altogether. Science and modern lan-guages had been particularly hard hit by big cuts in the number of technicians

jects; there were more classes with pupils of mixed ages;



## ATV chooses Nottingham for studio

Ey a Staff Reporter

ATV Midlands is to buy a ring road and has good communications with the West Midlands television lands, the other half of the centre, which will form half franchise area. the dual region operation as
A declaration of intent to
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renewed ATV's franchise last
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The main studio centre, from

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in station hotel A search for a man believed to be close to death from kidney didease ended yester-day when he was found safe and well in an hotel at Newcastle upon Tyne.
Mr Clive Grimstone, aged 30, who left his home in Norbury,

South London, 12 days ago

after deciding not to continue twice-weekly hospital dialysis

sessions, was spotted by a receptionist at the Royal Sta-

tion Hotel. Mr Grimstone, who had booked into the hotel last Wednesday under his real name, did not seem to realize there had been a big search for him, Det Constable Colin Hancock, of Newcastle transport police, who went to the hotel said Mr Grimstone apologized for the trouble he had caused.
"He seemed very happy and said he had just wanted to get away for two days. We got him

to telephone his parents, and

#### Soviets possess. Its stand-off missile has a range of more than 150 miles,

came so obsessed with surgery rate and rabbits. that he built a secret operating theatre in an attic fitted with £3,000 worth of medical equipment from the hospital, Magistrates in Leamington Spa Warwickshire, heard that Mr Wilkinson, aged 17, of Pennywicket, Ilminston Road, Armscote, near Stratford-on-Avon, built up a hoard of scal-

pels, clamps and hundreds of

He also took oxygen cylin-

operating instruments.

From Our Correspondent .

Leamington

ders, trolleys and chemicals, and used his "operating room" A hospital filing clerk be- to carry out experiments on He was caught when a porter at Hereford Hill Hospital, War-

'Operating theatre' built in an attic

anaesthetic trolley into a car. Later he took police to the thearre he had built in the atric of an outbuilding at his girl-Mr Philip Varley, for the prosecution, said :

more equipment. wick, saw him hading an son had become obsessed with various hobbies during bis

amount of equipment found there was staggering." In a statement Mr Wilkinson

#### said he had started experiment ing on animals as a hobby: " then decided that I wanted Mr Eric Whitehead, for the defence, said that Mr Wilkin-

school years.

"He was directed into hospital work through the job opportunities scheme,
Scheme on Mr Wilkinson, who pleaded guilty to the theft the equipment, was postpened for social inquiries and psychiatric reports.

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## EEC countries agree | Americans fear Libya heads the way of Afghanistan to issue uniform passports by 1985

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 17

After more than six years of quarrelling, EEC member states have taken their first modest, if still almost entirely symbolic, step towards the creation of European cirizenship.

Foreign ministers of the Ten meeting in Brussels, have pings of political sovereignty agreed to use their best endeavours to introduce a uniform wine-coloured EEC ted by a standard EEC passpassport no later than January port was nearly snuffed out by the demons of national arida

This does not mean, however, that the ancient proud boast of the peoples of the Roman Empire—civis Romanus sum— is about to be revived under the sway of the Treaty of Rome.

The new passport some of the rechnical details of which The new passport some of munity should come above or the technical details of which still have to be worked out, will neither supplant national passports, nor transfer the authority for issuing them from member states to some central EEC body.

All helps will be provided the new been decided, will be burgundy in colour. The European Community will take precedence the name of the issuing state on the cover.

originally, the introduction of such a passport—first approved in principle by EEC heads of government in Paris of theissuing state. A glossary in 1974—was seen as merely the first step in the realization of the much more ambitious concept of a "passport union".

This would entail the abolition of all frontier controls within the EEC, and their replacement with a uniform system of control at the Community's common external frontier. In other words, people would enjoy the same frontier. In other words, in the existing customs union.

A waveller from a non-EEC state, having once entered the Community, would be free to pass unchecked from one member state to another. that will replace the present
The impossibility of accommodating Britain's strict imbearer.

From Our Own Correspondent

Britain appeared to be head-

ing for a serious clash with its EEC partners over the future of the Community's fisheries policy at next week's summit of heads of government in Maastricht in Holland.

In an attempt to avert a full-scale row, the foreign ministers were trying here tonight to find a way of enabling Britain to lift its veto on a fisheries

agreement with Canada, in EEC would be cut.

Brussels, March 17

migration controls within such a system was only one of many practical difficulties which quickly relegated the noble concept of a "passport union" to the cemetery of the EEC's

lost causes. Indeed, so attached do member states remain to the trap-pings of political sovereignty the demons of national pride and prejudice.

Member states argued over the colour of the passport, the languages in which its contents should be written, and whether the words "European Community" should come above or

All that will happen is that over the name of the member the present national passports state, but will be printed in of varying appearance and design will be given a common emblems, such as the British

of theissuing state. A glossary at the back will translate the terms used into all eight official Community languages.

Language was one of the most difficult questions to re-

solve, and some minor points remain to be settled. The Germans, in particular, are loath to concede even the appearance of superior status. for French and English.

The British are to be granted

some flexibility in meeting the date for the issue of the new passport, which they want to synchronize with the introduc-tion of a laminated plastic card with a machine-readable edge

Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, of West ermany, gave a warning

that, if the veto remained, the

West Germany denounces **British fisheries veto** which the West German Gov-ernment is keenly interested.

> The paper linked the State Department charge that the Soviet and Afghan authorities had stood by while the hijackers freely showed themconsequences would be "very serious and very dangerous".
>
> The Canada agreement would allow EEC trawlers—in practice, mainly German ones—to catch about 14,500 tonnes of fish, most of it valuable cod, in waters off Labrador and Newfoundland. In return tariffs on Canadian fish exports to the EEC would be cut. selves at the airport with Prestdent Reagan's accusations that one of the bijackers, the Russians were helping. The maximum ou international terrorism, and called both lies and slander. The State Department yester-

From Patrick Brogan Washington, March 17 Libya-watchers in Washington Libya-watchers in Washington are inclined to discount the danger that Colonel Gaddafi will turn his country into a Soviet satellite. They believe that Libya may go the way of Afghanistan; that Colonel Gaddafi may be overthrown in a coup and replaced with a leader

coup and replaced with a leader out of the soviet Union would like the more amenable to Soviet wishes. The Soviet Union would like the more amenable to Soviet wishes. more amenable to Soviet wishes, to use Libyan ports as bases ton.

The colonel is fervently for the fleet, particularly their. It is estimated here that the favourable terms.

The communism because it submarines. They would like to Russians probably get 10 per The Libyans have accumus an atheistic, secular religion use Libyan airfields, and cent of their foreign exchange lated enormous stocks of Soviet are an atheistic, secular religion. Colonel Gaddafi has steadfastly from selling arms to Libya, arms, far more than other

constant differences with the Arab Baath Socialist Party in Iraq (now) and in Syria (formerly) derived from its time ago that Chad and Libya would be merged. He believes that the Islamic porthern part of that country is an ethnic and geographic extension of Libya, which he sees as the destined suppliers. However, there are which he sees as the desided can relationship with Saudi hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk at least 2,000 Russian and East nucleus of a greater Maghreb can relationship with Saudi hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk can recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colonel Gaddafi recently but Mr Hissene Habré, the for- Tobruk hit Colone

one of the world's best documented cases of egomania and believes that he can safely ride the tiger. American specialists are less sure.

The Soviet Union would like the poker game with Washing.

Chad, that association is included apparently the Libyans pairs to price for everything.

Lastly, the Libyans plant to price for everything.

Lastly, the Libyans also sell to East Europe at favourable rates, thus sparing the Russians time, a useful card to play in the poker game with Washing.

refused them. A further source which pays in dollars. The of Soviet dissatisfaction with Russians can sell any amount would need. There are some him is his invasion of Chad.

The colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel and I like the colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel and I like the colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel announced some will pay for Russian arms going stockpiles are needed for the colonel announced some will be coloned and the colonel announced some will be coloned and the colonel announced some will be colonel to other countries, too. For Soviet Army, if ever it decided instance, Libya has been replacing all the MiG 23s that Syria experts here think the explaing all the MiG 23s that Syria loses in air battles with Israel, or by accident.

This is rather like the American relationship with Saudi but Colonel Gaddafi recently but Colonel Gaddafi recently

westwards at more own oil

Such a militia needs more arms than a regular army. Fur-thermore, standards of main-

One expert said that the Libyans use arms, including air-eraft and tanks, the way an American family uses paper plates on a picnic. Equipment is abandoned when it fails. There is always a further supply of ranks, lorries and weapons.

The Chad civil war continues.

is so isolated in the world and among the Arabs that he is forced to associate with the Russians far more than is safe.

Colonel Gaddafi suffers from one of the world's best docu-There were reports last Decem-

ber of demonstrations in Benghazi in which the tribes there demanded blood money from Colonel Gaddafi's tribe to thermore, standards of main-tenance are very low. Libya has 3,000 tanks; but no more than 1,000 are operational. These calculations are based on the Libyans' performance in the invasion of Chad.

Benghazi in which the tribe there demanded blood mone from Colonel Gaddafi's tribe 1 pay for men killed in Chad.

The Libyans are said to hav put up a batter fight in Chan than they did in Uganda (when The Libvans are said to have put up a batter fight in Chad than they did in Uganda (when an attempt to rescue President Amin ended in fiascol; but Mr Habre's forces were the equal of the Libyans. They were defeated by numbers and equipment, not by the quality of the

Libyan Army. Coionel Gaddafi still controls the Libyan armed forces, and the country. There was, how-The Librans occupy the north, ever, an attempted coup in but Mr Hissene Habre, the forcent economic upheavals may have caused considerable dis-

## 'Lies and slander' on Soviet role in hijack

Moscow, March 17.

secularism.

The Russians rejected as The Russians rejected as slanderous today American accusations that the Soviet Union was partly responsible for the delay in ending the 13-day hijacking of a Pakistani aircraft to Damascus.

and antithetical to Islam. His

He has no wish to lose his independence to Russia, and relies on the Soviet Union and

East Europe merely as arms

suppliers. However, there are at least 2,000 Russian and East European advisers in Libya,

After Soviet Embassy pro-tests in Washington last night over an official statement issued by the State Department, Tass and the Soviet Govern ment newspaper Izvestia cate-gorically denied that no effort was made to resolve the incldent while the aircraft was at Kabul airport.

An Izvestia commentator said that the Afghan authorities had done everything they could to ensure the safety of the passengers in spite of difficult conditions.

He said American "inventions" about the Soviet Union were clearly needed by the American Administration "to aggravate the situation even after the event and portray in the most distorted light our country's attitude towards the hijacking of aeroplanes and other such acts of international terrorism."

ne day repeated accusations by President Zia ul-Haq of Paki-

stan that the Afghan authorities were helping the hijackers and giving them arms. "They (the hijackers) arrived with pistols; they left with machine guns", a spokesman said.

A Tass commentator, also rejecting the State Department's remarks, said the Russians did remarks, said the Russians the not control the air flights over Kabul or Islamabad and, unlike the Americans, did not inter-fere in other countries' internal

Tass added that the Ameri-Tass added that the Americans were still harbouring a Lithuanian and his son who killed an air stewardess when they hijacked a Soviet aircraft to Turkey and whose extradition the Russians have persistently pressed for. The agency said this showed that the United States opposed efforts to fight international terrorism. Third man mystery: The Pakistan Federal Investigation Agency has said two people were responsible for the hijacking of the aircraft on March 2, of a third person, who was all along reported to be involved in the hijacking (Hasan Akhtar writes from Islamabad).

writes from Islamabad).

According to an official report from Karachi, the federal agency registered cases against the leader of the hijackers, Salamullah alias Tippu (Alamgir as he called himself while holding the passengers hostage for 13 days) and Nasser Jamal, one of the hijackers.

The maximum punishment provided under martial law for hijacking is death and one man, involved in an attempted hijacking incident, was sent to the gallows last year.

#### **Ambassador** has name posted by US club

From Michael Leapman

New York, March 17 Sir Nicholas Henderson, the venerable British Ambassador in Washington, has been publicly arraigned here by having his name posted on the board of the exclusive Metropolitan Club as an alleged debtor. His spokesman in Washington says it is all a dreadful mistake and that Sir Nicholas has never been to the club, although he was given an honorary membership

last year. last year.

The amount of the debt, reported today in the New York

Post, is \$50.61 (£22.80). The
notice on the board says that
Sir Nicholas has been suspended
from the club because of his
failure to pay it.

The embassy spokesman said today that Sir Nicholas had received a bill for a house charge of that amount about three weeks ago. He wrote, pointing out that it must be an error, since he had never crossed the club's elegant portal, just round the corner from just round the corner from Fifth Avenue—by Central Park and the Plaza Hotel. No reply to his letter has been received, the spokesman said,

Sir Nicholas first knew of his public pillorying on the notice board when reporters phoned the embassy to ask about it. At the club today, nobody was immediately available to comment on the dispute.

The New York Post printed a waspish item in its gossip col-umn about the alleged debt: Sir Nicholas can't pay his bills at the club, how can he be expected to scrape up the fare to attend the royal wedding?" the columnist wondered.

Sir Nicholas, a former arsbassador to France and Germany, is 61. He was brought out of clearly expressed support for retirement in 1979 to replace Mr Peter Jay as Ambassador in Washington.

| Clearly expressed support for Mr Bani Sadr as commander in chief, political sources pointed to another "very important"

# Mr Joseph Subic, one of the Americans who were held hostage in Iran, on honeymoon in the United States Virgin Islands with his English bride, Alison.

Iran dispute

by ayatollah
From Tony Allaway,
Tehran, March 17

stopped

Tehran's watring political leaders and the pages of the national press today observed an obedient-silence-after last night's orders from Aystoliah Khomeini to stop their battle of words.

But close aides of President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr claimed to have won a clear cut moral victory in the Ayatollah's ren-

point statement:

"It is the most political decision the Iman (Ayatollah Khomeini) has made," said one official in the President's office.

"It doesn't mean the end. of the war but it is very symbolic. Personally I am very satisfied."

Besides the ayatollah's clearly expressed support for Mr Bani, Said as commender in.

decision made by the ayatollah
—the virtual dismissal of three
Muslim hardliners from the
Supreme Defence Council
headed by the President.

Tiehran and Baghdad in the

Little noticed in the initial reaction to the ayarollah's stare-ment last night was his order that the council's formation should accord with the Consti-tution. Official spokesmen con-firmed today that this meant that the Speaker of Parliament, Hojatoleslam Hasbemi Rafsana-jani, and two MPs, one the son of Iran's second highest rank-ing clergyman, would have to

withdraw.
Political observers are now waiting to see whom Ayatollah Rhomein! will choose as his representative on a three-man "reconcillation council". Whoever it is will be able to tip the scales in favour of one side or the other.

Supporters of Mr Bani-Saor acknowledged that what they

first week of April to try to end the Iran-Iraq war (Kuldiz Nayar writes from Delhi).

Both Tehran and Baghdad have agreed to receive the group, formed by India, Cubs, Zambia and the Palestine Liberation Organization, as designa-ted at the Non-sligned Conference in Delhi last month.

Most of the Islamic countries present at the Non-Aligned Conference, felt that a political approach would be far better than a religious one. The last initiative, which floundered was by a nine-member delegation of Islamic nations led by President Schou Touré Guinea.

The Islamic proposals envisaged a ceaselire by March 12; withdrawal of foreign the public silence of the President His ability to rally the public with hard-hitting speeches against the dominant fundamentalists was his strong-

**US Army** 

denies its

germ test

was lethal

businessman.

San Francisco, March 17 .--

The United States Government

denied in court yesterday that a germ warfare test, which had created a bacteria-laden for here 30 years ago, had killed Mr Edward Nevins, a wealthy busineseman.

Relatives of Mr Nevins, who developed a fever four days after the test and died a month later, are seeking about £5m

in damages from the United

States Army, which acknow-ledges that 800,000 people were exposed to the bacteria.

For six days in September, 1950, a navy ship sprayed San

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## General Viola confident of better Washington links

From Our Own Correspondent for it by President Carter's Washington, March 17
General Roberto Viola, the President designate of Argentina, who is in Washington on an official visit, said yesterday that he was "absolutely sure" that he was "absolutely sure" that relations between the two countries would improve. He is to be sworn into office at the means were justified. to be sworn into office at the end of the month, five years after the coup that established

the military regime. The General saw Mr Alexan-der Haig, the Secretary of State, yesterday and it seeing President Reagan this after-noon. He is also seeing Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secre-tary of Defence, and con-gressional leaders. General Viola said yesterday

that in his talks with Mr. Haighthat in his talks with Mr. Haighthat we spoke of all the problems in the relations between the two countries. The main goal of my conversation was to of my conversation was to establish very fluid communication channels between the United States and Argentina. to upgrade relations to an optimum level".

These relations have not been very cordial of late, because of very cordial of late, occause or human rights abuses in Argen-tina. The military government that overthrew President Maria Estella Peron in 1976, severely suppressed domestic opposition and was constantly criticized

Portugal protests

to Cuban envoy

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles, March 17

Clotheslines are to make an unsightly but welcome

come-back this week in-of all

places-the affluent California

college community of Palo Alto, as part of a novel cam-

paign aimed at saving energy,

The city fathers decided to

quash an ordinance which has

been in existence for five years prohibiting residents from air-

ing their freshly laundered linen in public. Offenders in

Palo Alto, home of the cele-brated Stanford University

by not using electric dryers.

Samore.

Lisbon, March 17.—Extra police were posted round the Cuban Embassy in Lisbon to-day and Senhor Andre Goncalves Pereira, the Portuguese caives Pereira, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, protested strongly to the Cuban Ambassador over an incident in Havana in which the Portuguese envoy had been alleged to have a CIA link.

means were justified. The Carter Administration rejected these claims but they have been accepted by Presi-

dent Reagan.

Call to Vatican: Argentina drafted a message today objecting to parts of the Pope's proposed settlement of a border dispute with Chile, and called for further mediation by the Vatican, western diplomatic sources said. Chile accepted the proposal last January, after 19 months of mediation (AP reports from Buenos Aires).

The dispute, which led the two countries to war in 1978, is over 10 islands at the southern tip of South America and its surrounding waters, Señor Guillermo Moncayo and General Ricardo Etchverry Boneo, the Argentine talks, were assigned to deliver the Government's "observathe Government's "observa-tions on the Holy See's sugges-tions" to Cardinal Antonio

#### Fossil dating back 350 million years

Moscow, March 17.-Sovier Moscow, March 17.—Soviet geologists working on the coast of the Barents Sea in the high Arctic have found a "sensational" fossil image of plant life duting back 350 million years, the Tass news agency reported from Arkhangelsk. Its limental 20in dimensions, 13ia long and 20in wide compared to the usual matchbox s = of previous fossils

about 40 miles south of San Francisco, faced stiff fines if they dared to break the law. Now, says Mrs Jeanne

Clinton, manager of the city's

conservation and solar energy

programme, householders can legally let it all hang out. She

estimates that they can save up to E18 a year if they do this

instead of using electric dryers.
Washing, billowing in the breeze, is an apt symbol to remind citizens to conserve energy, she notes, adding: "It plants the idea in people's

minds. Even the slightest indi-

vidual savings of energy can have a cumulative effect."

Back to the clothesline in California

#### Britain not keen to remain in **Belize**

By Our Diplomatic Staff Britain is reluctant to leave its troops in Belize after the former colony becomes indepen-dent, as is being requested by Mr George Price, the Prime Minister.

The British want to have most of the 1,600 troops home within a year from the swampy

environs of Belize.

Speaking on Belize radio fter announcing details on Monday of the outline agree-ment aimed at settling the Guatemala-Belize territorial dispute. Mr Price said he hoped Britain's 1.600 troops would remain in Belize to guarantee security after independence. In line with United Nations wishes, Britain hopes Belize will be independent by roughly

Will be independent by roughly Christmas this year.

Until then, the Foreign Office wants to avoid committing itzelf on the troops:

"We will do what is necessary at the time." a spokesman said yesterday. "We will not leave Belize in the lurch, but we have said all along that an agreement with Guatemala would be Belize's best security."

Belize's best security."

In the meantime, details of the outline agreement have received tepid public response in Belize and Guatemala. Newspapers in Guatemala are accusing its negotiators of selling its negotiators of selling its territorial aspirations in exchange for a small Caribbean sea channel, a patch of seabed and access to a dirt-track through Belize.

The Belize press, for its part,

sees in these aspects of the outline agreement infringements on Belize's sovereignty. Parliamentary report, page 9

going back to basics. . . . Re-

member the nice, fresh smell of

sheets that had been put out

back the lines, said he does not expect Palo Alto to become

the clothesline capital of the United States: "Some people worry that Palo Alto will resemble Marseilles, with

underclothes hanging from

apartments and balconies.

don't think it will happen."

Councillor Leland Levy, a

on the line."

## Francisco with a bacteria-laden fog, according to papers given to relatives under the Freedom of Information Act. Eighteen people were treated in hospital for bacteria traces. for bacteria traces. The Army said the test was carried out to see how bacteria aimed from the sea at an teria aimed from the sea at an terial aimed from the sea American city would be distributed. Two types of bacteria were used. One is known as serratia and Mr Nevins, who was 75, was said by doctors to have died of serratia pneu-

Mr John Eern, a lawyer representing the Government told Judge Samuel Conti yesterday that a different type of bac-teria had killed Mr Nevins and not the army bacteria, which had been declared harmless by an army panel.

The Government intends to call doctors and germ warfare experts to defend the test on national security grounds.

In March, 1977, an army report, surrendered to a subcommittee of the Senate committee on human resources, disclosed that the Army had conducted 229 "open air" germ warfare tests between 1949 and 1969. These included the San

Noting that washing lines have been a part of civilization for some considerable time. Miss Clinton adds: "Now we're Francisco test. In some tests, inert chemicals had been used, in others live bacteria presumed to be harm-

less, the report said. This report, describing the San Francisco test, said the navy ship had sprayed the bacteria, named as serratia staunch supporter of bringing marcescens, into the ocean.

One hospital in the area reported 11 cases of infection. Senator Richard Schweiker. the Health and Human Services Secretary, said it was risky" to assume germs released into a populated area could ever be considered safe.-Reuter.

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### Communists ruled out as Socialist partners

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, March 17

In his first appearance on In his thist appearance on television in the current election campaign. M François Mitterrand, the Socialist candidate, replied categorically that there was no question under present circumstances of Communists being given ministerial responcircumstances of Communists being given ministerial responsibility, if he became President next May. Communist participation in a left-wing government would only become possible when that party had abandoned its present hard line on home and foreign affairs.

The threat of the Communist

The threat of the Communist participation in a Socialist-led government is the weaest point in M Mitterrand's platform,



#### French Presidential Election

and the one, naturally, most exploited by his opponents. He could not afford to allow uncertainty about his imentions on this point to endure without serious damage to his electoral presents.

M Mitterrand did not how-ever, mack it clear with what macrity he would govern if he

## M Mitterrand seizes opportunity of using 'Pravda' article to discredit his principal rival

votes from the French.

energetically to Soviet inter-vention in Afghanistan.

François-Poncet,

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 17

Paris, March 17

The large pebble cast by Pravia into the French electoral duckpond last Friday continues to cause increasingly wider ripples. M François Mitterrand, the Socialist candidate for the presidency, said on television last night that he understood why the Soviet newspaper, that is to say the Soviet Government, was pleased with President Giscard d'Estaing.

"It was natural that he should receive a wage for his journey to Warsaw." M Mitterrand said: "Why is Pravda displeased with me? Because I did not wait 11 days to protest against the invasion of Afghanistan, like the outgoing candidate."

A further reason for Soviet

A further reason for Soviet displeasure was that he had publicly drawn attention to the threat to Western Europe from Soviet SS20 medium range missiles.

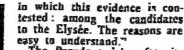
Another consideration siles. Another consideration which weighed in the Soviet Government's attitude was that it usually favoured the man in

M François-Poncet, the M Giscard d'Estaing earlier told representatives of 14 regional newspapers — with reference to the Pravda article — that "the only votes I ask for are those of French men and women. I ask for no others"

M François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the foreign Minister, in a full page interview in François-Poncet, the full page in the full page in the full page in the ful others"

The Soviet daily, in a report on the campaign, had said: "M Giscard d'Estaing has gained personal authority as a cautious and reserved politician, in par-ticular in the international

The Pravda article came after lic.
the strictures of M Jacques "There is only one quarter



easy to understand."

The Pravda article, after its positive judgment on President Giscard d'Estaing's policy, mendiscard a Estaing's poncy, mentioned the economic situation and went on to say that "the political opponents of M Giscard d'Estaing made him carry responsibility for unemployment, the trade deficit, and inflation".

the trade deticit, and inflation".
But it did not identify itself with these opponents.

Of M Chirac, the paper noted that he found himself in a "complicated situation".

As for M Mitterrand, he had no "clear and consequent political programme" trying to reconcile the "often very conno "clear and consequent poli-tical programme" trying to reconcile the "often very con-tradictory interests of broad groups of voters". Pravda repeated the French

M Mitterrand: Only wants Pravda repeated the French Communists' charge of the "switch to the right" of the French socialists and wondered whether its opportunism would not lead them to some compromise bargain with the "bourgeois parties of the centre".

M Georges Marchais, the Communist candidate, was quick to point out over the weekend that Pravda also emphasized that he had a "clear and straightforward" programme for the defence of the interests of the working Chirac and M Mitterrand against the "weakness" of the Government's policy towards Russia, and its failure to react

the interests of the working people and for a "really inde-

Geneva and indeed in all the major capitals, he said.

"The voice of France is heard. Our country counts in the affairs of the world. What is this due to? Largely to the authority, self-control, experience and personal prestige of the President of the Republic. pendent foreign policy".

M Marchais added that he was opposed to all interference by a foreign political leader in French policies. "The policy of France is decided neither in London, nor in Washington. nor in Bono, nor in Moscow but in Paris and nowhere else",

## Major Haddad warned that | Mr Peres UN troops in Lebanon will fire if attacked again

March 17

In the strongest statement of its ikind yet made by a commander of United Nations General William Callaghan today angrily denounced the barbaric killing of two of his Nigerian soldiers by the Israelibacekd militia of Major Saad Haddad.

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The general issued a warning that the United Nations force here would "protect itself with the defensive weapons at its

the defensive weapons at its disposal" if it was attaced again. The United Nations in Lebunon, he said, would not be injured. Persocally, I will do "intimidated by wanton and al posible to avoid recurrence brutal acts". He added: "It is of such incidents which mostly

brutal acts." He added: "It is never open to me to negotiate under threat of fire and it it not my intention ever to do so."

Previously, under General Callaghan, however, was clearly unhappy about the contents of this mesage. He had decided to accept it, he said, General Emmanuel Erskine of decided to accept it, he said, "after much consideration" hardkikly ever returned fire even when attacked by Major Eitan for his intervention Haddad's tanks and artillery. General Collaghan's statement today was intended as a firm and serious warning that his soldiers would no longer tolerate being shot at with

As a young Irish officer said later in his battalion head-quarters at Tibmin; "It's a great feeling to know that morale is going up. It's great to now that when some bugger starts shooting at us, we can shoot bac kat him."

The general's words came less than 24 hours after the Haddad militia in southern Lebanon had fired shells into the Nigerian battalion area of the United Nations-controlled territory north of the Israeli frontier. A Nigerian officer and a corporal were killed and at least 16 were wounded. Two Lebanese soldiers were also badly burt. Immediately after this bombardment, Major Haddad's battalion observation posts

around the village of Pater and it transpired today that they used phosphorus shells in their

This morning, General Callaghan appeared in Tibnin—only a few miles from both Yater

objects to US planes for Saudis

From Alan McGregor Geneva, March 17

Strong objections to United States decision to sell four radar early-warning nircraft (Awaks) to Saudi Arabia were voiced today by Mr Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition Israeli Labour Party.

"This is a very serious prob-lem for Israel", he told a press conference. The aircraft can-celled out "all radar installa-tions, giving the Saudis a degree of control over the skies that makes life for all countries ex-I learnt about the incident that occurred in Kantara, where Unifil soldiers were killed and injured. Personally, I will do al posible to avoid recurrence of such incidents which markets. tremely difficult—an additional item in an already very tense arms race".

If the United States wanted to sell aircraft to Saudi Arabia that country should first de-clare itself for peace and support the Camp David agree-ments. Policies should come before technology, not the way round

He believed that a Middlesettlement must have political agreement as the first Haddad's attack yesterday was almost certainly the increased deployment of Lebanese regular troops in the United Nations operational zone. Major

Mr Peres, who expects to head a new Israeli Government after the June election, was no less emphatic about his country's refusal to emulate Egypt in signing and ratifying the treaty on non-proliferation of

nuclear weapons "Non - proliferation makes sense when you have peace he said. "But if there is no peace how is it going to help

"What are you going to do with a country like Iraq, in a state of war with Israel and trying to build nuclear reac-tors? What is the use of being in the non-proliferation treaty Libya and other coun-

the demand of Syria after the recent meeting between the Syrian and Lebanese presidents. However, General Callaghan appears to be in no mood to treat with these arguments. "We are not ready to make life easy for everybody around us and be victims of everybody. If people want us to sign the non-proliferation treaty. want the very same people to do something about bringing peace to the area."

## In brief

## Israeli jailed for

Tel Aviv, March 17.—An Israeli paratrooper was sent to jail for 10 weeks by a military court yesterday after he had admitted stealing a purse from an Arab, in a village north of Jerusalem,

months for the offence, com-mined during a house search in Silwad last December. An-other soldier who participated in the search received a suspended seutence for bearing a

Helsinki, March 17.—The first Hawker Siddeley Hawk jet trainer delivered to the Finnish

the accident, was delieved last December. Four of the jets pecemper. Four of the jets are to be built in Britain, while the rest will be assembled in Finland.

Soviet envoy expelled

to leave the country.

Drug sales stopped

Zagreb, March 17. — The Zagreb Immunology Institute in Yugoslavia, which manufactures interferon, the cancer drug, has stopped sales of the product to private individuals because of black market deal-

Andes tension eases

Ecuador have begun to with-draw their border troops reinforcements, paving the

# robbing Arab

The soldier was also given a suspended sentence of three

First of Finnish jet batch in fatal crash

Air Force has crashed in Tampere, southern Finland. One of the two pilots was killed. Finland has bought 50 Hawks

and the first one, destroyed in

Monrovia, March 17.—The Liberian Government has de-clared Mr Ivan Muzykin, a Soviet diplomat, persona non grata. He was given 48 hours

Lima, March 17 .- Peru and for a full resumption of ties between the South American countries, the Peruvian Govern-ment said.

#### 106 jobless held after attack on union officers

From Our Correspondent Rome, March 17

Naples police today trans-ferred to prison 106 unemployed people who had been arrested after they occupied and ran-sacked the local headquarters of the communist led CGIL trade union confederation dur-ing the night. They were accused of seditious activities and other charges after clashes m which 11 police and six demonstrators were injured.

In the offices of CGIL, the biggest of the Italian trade union confederations, furniture was destroyed and typewriters were looted, while cars in the street below were broken into and their radios removed.

The Naples unemployed, whose number is estimated to have grown to more than 150,000 since the earthquake in November, have formed their own organizations which have negoriated outside the trade union framework with Signor Franco Foschi, the Minister of Labour, and won promises ex paid training courses for 10,000. For over a month they have been demonstrating in the town centre almost daily.

#### Johnny Owen inquest

Los Angeles, March 17.—The inquest into the death of Johnny Owen, the Weish boxer. has been postponed for the men said that the latest delay was made "to compile more information".

## EEC agrees to provide food aid to China

From Our Own Correspondent EEC Foreign ministers agreed in principle in Brussels today to provide food aid to China, which has requested it for the first time since the communists came to power more than 30 years ago.

was no provocation and no mis-understanding on the part of

The real reason for Major

Haddad's radio station, The Voice of Hope, reported American denunciations of the

bombardment in its news broad-casts this, morning but spent several minutes outlining the

major's reasons for objecting to the presence of a ebanese force. They had been sent to southern Lebanon, he said, at

This afternoon, two Lebanese

Army convoys could be seen heading south from Sidon to

wards the United Nations area.

It would not be an exaggera-tion to say that there could

be some very dramatic moments for Unifil—and for Major Haddad's militia—in the com-

Unifil."

The Chinese have made their needs known very discreetly.
The Peking Government has
prided itself on its ability to
feed its huge population, unlike

China's problems have been caused by a disastrous mixture of flooding and drought in the two provinces of Hubei and Hebei, which has destroyed

agricultural crops. Estimates of the disaster 2,000 tonnes of milk powder varied here. British sources and 8,000 tonnes of rapeseed, suggested that as many as 190

million people might be directly or indirectly affected 130 million of them acutely.

Irish officials, however, put the total at 43 million, about 45 per cent of the population of the two provinces which they estimated to have lost 50 to 80 per cent of their agricultural

According to the Irish, the Chinese are seeking sufficient food aid to enable them to increase food intake a head to 650 grammes a day from the present level of 400 grammes. The foreign ministers agreeu, subject to further discussion of the detail by officials, to make available to the Chinese about

#### French find tenth farm case of foot and mouth

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, March 17

The sanitary cordon around the village of Henansal in Brit-tany was extended today after the confirmation of a case of foot and mouth disease in a pig on a farm outside the area enclosed by the original cordon when the outbreak started a

formight ago.

The cordon now extends round an area 15 miles long by three miles wide. Animals in all surrounding areas have been

Although the latest case, the tenth so far reported, was out-side the area encolsed by the original cordon, it was on a farm where vaccination had been carried out.

## Jailed Swiss spy conducts a phone-in

worth just under £3m.

From Our Correspondent Geneva, March 17

Mr Jean-Louis Jeanmaire a former brigadier in the Swiss army now serving an 18-year sentence on charges of passing secrets to a succession of Soviet military attachés in Bern, has astounded the public by speaking live from prison on the main programme of Radio

Suisse Romande. His trial, in June 1966, was the high point of the most sensational espionage affair in

A relephone call from Mr prison has yet to be explained. mas parole ".

Jeanmaire to the presenter of a In articles being published by a radio programme dealing with Lausanne newspaper, Mr Jean-his case went straight on to maire is quoted as saying that the air in phone-in fashion. Mr the charges against him were Jeanmaire, now aged 71, asked trumped up because of personal that extracts from recorded in- rivairies and in order to im-

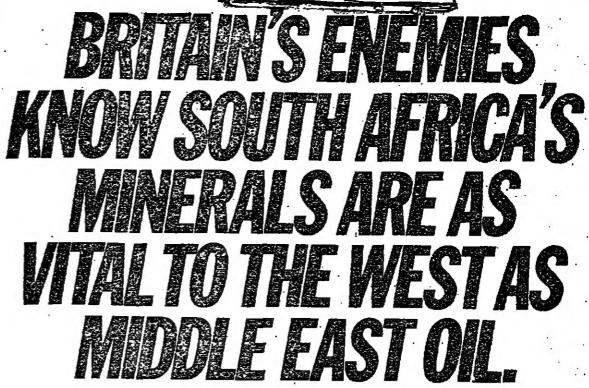
What was said in those interviews was intended for a book to be published after I had seen it, not for newspaper or radio use", he said. "One speaks differently for a book." capable of reading it. Interviews carried earlier in a

terviews recently given to a press upon the country that journalist should not be broad the Russian enemy is at the ·He is also quoted as saying

Sational espionage at an above the programme was shortened. Zurich newspaper are described had commanded civil defence the was able to telephone as having been obtained when the radio station direct from Mr Jeanmaire was "on Christ-

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For further information write to the Director of Information, South African Embassy, London.



# in Nkomo stronghold for fear of more unrest

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, March 17 Plans to hold municipal elec-

tions in Bulawayo, the Mata-beleland stronghold of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Patriotic Front party, have been postponed for

a second time.

Dr Eddison Zvobgo, the
Minister of Local Government
and Housing, told a press conscheduled for March 28 and 29, had been postponed indefinitely because of the security situation". However, municipal elections will go ahead in Salis-bury as planned at the end of

Referring to the recent fac-tional unrest in Bulawayo between Zipra and Zanla guer-rillas, Dr Zvobgo said that many Zipra weapons were still hidden in and around the city. He had been advised by the Minister of Defence that he would be taking a grave risk if he allowed elections in Bulawayo to be held.

Municipal elections were postponed in Bulawayo and Salisbury at the end of last year after outbreaks of violence in Entumbane and Chitungwiza townships, to which Zipra and Zanla guerrillas had been transferred from outlying assembly points. Municipal and district council elections have already been held in the rest of the

News of the postponement of in Bulawayo was badly by members of the Patriotic Front party. Mr Vote guerrii Moyo, the party's national in the organizing secretary, said the farms.

move was designed to allow the majority Zanu (PF) party, headed by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, more time to become organized. "Mr Zvobgo knows very well his party would not have won a single seat if the poll was held now", he said.

Europeans killed: Two more Europeans have been murdered in the farming area to the east of Fort Victoria, bringing to four the number who have been killed there during the past week.

past week.

The police today named the dead as Mrs Helena van As, who was 71, and her grandson, Mr Phillip van As, aged 20.

They were shot dead while watching television in their home last night.

The farm's owner, Mr Peter van As, was away in Salisbury at the time of the attack.

The van As's farm adjoins
the one where Mr and Mrs
Roux were shot dead by two meu last week. Police sources said they believed the two kill-ings were connected.

A big search was under way today for the gunmen with police using helicopters and tracker does

tracker, dogs.

The killings come at a time when white farmers are be-coming increasingly concerned about the decline in law and order in the countryside, particularly in areas where former armed guerrillas are present. The "Foxtrot" assembly point, where several thousand Zania guerrillas are still stationed, is in the vicinity of the attacked

#### OAU views | Mauritania Sommit on Namibia

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, March 17 Mr Sieles Stevens, the President of Sterra Leone and pre-sent cheirman of the Organiza-tion of African Unity (OAU), crived in Salisbury today on the second leg of a tour of black Southern African states. Luring his two-day stay in Zimbabwe, he was due to hold talks with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, and other ministers, before flying on to Zambia tomorrow.

Zambia tomorrow,
President Stevens is on a mission to confer with OAU heads of state before the orgaheads of state before the orga-nization's next summit confer-ence in Nairobi in July. In particular, he is sounding out the views of black "Front Line" states on the problems of Namibia and South Africa after the collapse of the United Nations conference on Namibia

last January.

The OAU is concerned about the more aggressive attitude being adopted by South Africa towards its black neighbours following last January's raid against African National Congress houses near Maputo.

It is also anticipated that the veto when a resolution on eco-nomic sanctions against South Africa is brought before the United Nations

## breaks with Morocco

Algiers, March 17.—Mauritania broke diplomatic relations with Morocco today after yesterday's abortive coup by two dissident officers, the Mauritanian news agency, monitored here wild the second of the second of

Mauritania has accused Morocco of complicity in the coup attempt in which two palace guards were killed. The two countries at one time waged a joint war against the Polisario movement. But after an army coup topoled President Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania in 1978, the new military Government withdrew from its zone of the Western Sahara and made peace with the Polisario movement.

In a statement broadcast on Mauritanian radio, monitored in Dakar, it was stated that the rebels had attacked the presi-dential palace with the inten-tion of killing the head of state, the Prime Minister and all the members of the National Mili-

tary Council.
Once this had been achieved the attackers intended to send a message to Rabat for the Moroccan Air Force to inter-Morocco said today that the Mauritanian charges contained numerous Reuter. contradictions.

#### Sudanese leader blames Russia for coup attempt

Cairo, March 17.-The Sudanese Government of President Nimelry last week survived an attempted coup, believed to be the fifteenth since he came to power in 1969, the Sudanese news agency Suna reported to-

disclosed last night by President Nimeiry who was convinced that Syria and the Soviet Union had been behind

General Nimeiry, who was held prisoner for three days in July 1972 after a pro-Soviet coup before being restored to power with the help of President Sadat of Egypt, strongly attacked the Soviet Union,

He was prepared to offer facilities to United States forces in Sudan and invited Washington to build air bases in the country for joint use by Sudanese and American forces if Sudan was threatened.

intervention in Chad.

He is said to be concerned by "the ideological communist invasion" of Sudan and the possibility of attacks or sabo-

arise from the numerical strength of the Communist Party in Sudan, which has about one million members in

the role of guarantor of the Nimeiry government and has publicly stated that Egypt would intervene to prevent communist rule replacing that of the present authorities.

Hardly a day has gone by since the Libyan intervention in Chad without the Egyptian authorities warning Libya and the Soviet Union not to "threaten Sudan's security".— Agence France-Presse

sence in Kampuchea.

in entering an arrangement with the Khmer Rouge that is causing discomfort.

For years Prince Sihanouk has said that he would never again have anything to do with the Khmer Rouge, who were responsible for the deaths of

so many of his countrymen and

for many members of his own family; but after changing his

mind at least once in the past few weeks he agreed to enter

politico-military realities, with no doubt, some arm-twisting in the background, he went into

the meetings with Mr Khieu

with tough conditions and a

Prince Sihanouk returns to centre stage role

Elections are called off EEC-backed scheme encourages tribal peoples to turn to farming

# Drought brings destitution to Kenya nomads

At least a quarter of the 170,000 people in the Turkana They are surviving on relief food, mainly maze, being distributed at scores of locations throughout this parched, semidesert area as part of an ambitious plan, supported by more than £450,000 in grants and food supplies from the EEC.

Stores to hold the imported maize, and simple wooden houses for the British, Ameri-

the Kenya Government, missionaries and aid organizations, the EEC also plans to finance the EEC backed scheme aims to the purchase of goats from

The Turkana are semi-nomadic and normally live entirely on their cattle and goat herds. They are, however, being encouraged to grow food crops in will want to abandon the new a 1,000-mile tour of Turkana is areas where the soil is suitable, farms once livestock are again that the famine is under conand where water is available available. couraged to grow food crops in

(half a kilogram of maize per per day) available in for work on the new can, Dutch, Norwegian and return for work on the new their livestock in the future, other volunteers who will help agricultural areas. Thorn scrub. To help to ensure this, adult

M Jean-Paul Jesse, the EEC delegate in Kenya, who has toured areas where the Turkana project is getting started, says he accepts that many people

from seasonal rivers.

"But we hope that at least
This is being achieved by a proportion of them will
making famine relief food retain small farms to supplement their diet and provide an assurance against the loss of their livestock in the future.

Much depends on the weather district in north-west Kenya, are destitute, having lost their herds of cattle, goats and camels to drought, disease, or raids by neighbouring tribes.

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The Turkana are semi-nomagood initial crop for the new farming schemes, the rehabilitation scheme should succeed.

The impression gained from a 1,000-mile tour of Turkana is trol, although there is only a narrow dividing line between starvation and survival. Unlike neighbouring Karamoja (Uganda's famine-hit area, which borders Turkana to the west), there is a well-organized relief system operating here.

# **Angry Polish farmers**

Government reached agreement tonight with free trade union leaders who forced the removal of three senior officials in Radom, but it faced a strike by militant farmers and threa-

Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, agreed to send a commission to study the grievances of independent unionists in Radom who re-sponded by dropping plans for further threats of strikes. The Government faced a new

confrontation today over the occupation by about 140 farmers of the headquarters of the pro-communist Peasant Party in the northern city of Bydgoszcz. Mr Jan Kulaj, the leader of the self-proclaimed Rural Soli-darity union, said the sit in in Bydgoszcz was a national pro-

test and a continuation of a similar strike in Rzeszow to force the authorities to recog-The authorities have consistently refused to recognize

independent farmers' unions. Talks were under way in Bydgoszcz to resolve the dis-pute, but there was no confirmation in Warsaw of a suggestion by the strikers that Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement, planned to intervene

The Radom union leaders called off a threatened strike yesterday after an appeal for restraint by Mr Walesa, and when it became clear that all three officials, the governor, party leader and police chief, had met their demands and resigned.

The union blamed the three officials for their role in the suppression of a workers' revolt nearly five years ago, A delegation of six union negotiators from Radom spent all today in talks with Mr Rakowski about other

events, including demands for government funds for housing and social projects, and the investigation of ore officials allegedly responsible for suppression of the riots.—
Reuter and AP.

(AP reports from Moscow).

Kremlin.
"I call your attention to the

# challenge Warsaw

Czech parallel: Mr Bohuslay Chnoupek, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, said today there were "historical paral-lels" between the development of the crisis in Poland and the 1968 upheaval in his homeland

He was speaking after three hours of talks with Mn Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. The discussions were believed to have ranged over international and bilateral

Warsaw Soviet led Warsaw Pact troops occupied Czechoslovakia on August 21, 1968 to suppress the communist regime of Mr Alexander Dubcek that was judged too liberal by the

anti-socialist and counter-revolutionary phenomena, and, on the basis of our own experi-ence in 1968-69, I call your attention to the fact that if one looks for historical parallels, one can find very much in com-mon in the development of Czechoslovakia and Poland", he

Dealing with his attitude to events in Poland, he said his country had close trade rela-tions with Warsaw, that Polish troops had helped to liberate Czechoslovakia in the Second World War and that they shared a long frontier. For those reasons we are very much interested in everything that's going on in Poland." Czechoslovakia has been one

revolt of the harshest critics of labour unrest in Poland. The state-union controlled press was among the spent first to suggest that "counterth Mr revolutionary" elements were other operating in Solidarity.

## Gun arrest at rowdy Botha rally

From Ray Kennedy

A man with a pistol in his belt was arrested tonight as Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, began an election meeting in the key right-wing seat of Rustenburg, 100 miles from Johannesburg.

It was not entirely clear whether the gunman had been involved in an attempt to protect or kill Mr Botha in a fiery election meeting in a constituency where passions are running extremely high between the ultra-apartheid wing of the party and Mr Botha's more moderate attitudes.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mallett, the official police spokesman, said that several people had been arrested in a scuffle before Mr Botha's meet-ing and that one of them was carrying a pistol. He said that the armed man was a police re-

In South Africa, there are mony civilians who qualify as police reservists and are allowed to carry arms.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mellett "After the police reservist's identity was established he was released." He said that there had been a scuffle before Mr Botha entered the election meeting in the Rustenburg town hall. He said: "One of those who became involved was a police reservist and during the incident his pistol fell from his

The man was grabbed by other policemen on the spot but freed as soon as they realized he was one of their or

Mr Botha was addressing an important election meeting in Rustenburg where the far right faction of the National Party, the Herstige Nasionale Party came within 800 votes of secur ing a seat in a by-election 18 months ago.

The Rustenburg constituency is the centre of South Africa's platinum industry and represents some of its most far-right votes for white supremacy. Mr Botha entered the lion's

den tonight to face the ultra conservative miners. He was greeted with boos as he walked to the platform in the town hall but countered the assault by saying that the lasttime he had encouputered a similar reception was when he had opened an agricultural show.

#### l'ear gas attack

Karachi, March 17.-Scores of patients left hospital beds in Karachi to escape tear gas fired by the police at medical students demonstrating outside, student leaders said today.

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## Disconnected life to administer the scheme, are taking shape in several centres. Devised in consultation with the Kenya Government mission and the ground is being farming instructors are being provided, he said. SUPPORT SYSTEM 10 defence to murder

Regina v Malcherek
Regina v Steel
Before Lord Lane. Lord Chief
Justice, Lord Justice Ormrod and
Mr Justice Smith
When medical treatment by
ventilator and life support apparaventilator and the support appears, tus is given to a person gravely injured by an assallant, and the doctors decide that because of brain death treatment is offost and they discontinue it, the discontinuance does not prevent the original assailant from being continual assailant from being responsible for the death.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving Judgment in two cases raising the question whether

when giving judgment in two cases raising the question whether judges in murder trials were correct to withdraw the question of causation from the juries.

Richard Tadeus: Malcherek, aged 33, appealed against conviction at Winchester Crown Court (Mr Justice Willis) of the murder of his wife by stabbing.

Anthony Steel, aged 24, sought leave to appeal against conviction at Leeds Crown Court (Mr Justice Borcham) of the murder of Carol Anne, Wilkinson, by striking her on the head with a 50th stone. She suffered skull fractures and severe brain damage.

Mr T. G. Field-Fisher, QC, and Mr Anthony Bailey for Malcherek; Mr Wilfred Steer, QC, and Mr J. S. H. Stewart for Steel; Mr J. I. Smyth, QC, and Mr Donald Gordon for the Crown in Malcherek's case; Mr Scoyth and Mr J. Michael Meredith for the Crown in Steel's case.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that Miss Wilkinson was taken to hospital and put on to a life support machine in the shape of a ventilator on October 12 the medical team in whose charge she was, after a number of tests, concluded that her brain had ceased to function and that, accordingly, the ventilator was operating on a lifeless' body. The life support machine was disconnected and all bodily functions ceased shortly afterwards.

So far as Steel's application related to causation the facts were that, on admission to the casualty department, Miss Wilkinson was

that, on admission to the casualty department, Miss Wilkinson was department, Miss Wilkinson was seen by a doctor who found her to be deeply unconscious with no motor activity, her eyes open and the pupils fixed. She was breathing only with the aid of a ventilator. An hour later she was admitted to the intensive care unit. During that day she remained deeply unconscious and quite unresponsive. At 10 pm that night the consultant neurosurgeon responsive. At 10 pm that night the consultant neurosurgeon found her to be in a deep coma, unresponding to any stimulus. He carried out a test for electrical activity in the brain, which proved negative. The total absence of motor activity since admission and early fixation of the pupils suggested to him a devastating impact injury to the brain. The cerebral function monitor showed no activity; her eyes were too occluded ity; her eyes were too occluded to allow caloric testing. The neuro-surgeon suggested that her temperature should be raised and.

temperature should be raised and.

If by the morning her cerebral function monitor continued to he zero, they should declare her brain to be dead.

In fact, in the morning a cerebral blood flow test was carried out which indicated that no hlood was circulating in the brain. Several electro-encephalogram tests were made during the day, all with negative results. On October 12 another electro-encephalogram test was made in the morning, another in the evening, both were negative. After that there was a consultation between the doctors responsible

between the doctors responsible for her care. It was agreed among them that the continued use of the ventilator was without purpose. It was withdrawn at 6.15 pm and at 6.40 pm she was declared to be dead. In a post morten examination carried out only 50 minutes later it was found that her brain was already decomposing. Much of the cross-examination of the medical men had been taken up with suggestions that they had failed to conform to certain criteria laid down by the medical colleges on the subject for her care. It was agreed among

of "brain death".

Malcherek's appeal related to his having stabbed his wife nine times with a kitchen knife. One stab resulted in a deep, penetrating wound to the abdomen. She was taken to hospital in the early hours of March 27, 1979. Preliminary attempted to imary treatment attempted to im-prove her low blood pressure. Then the surgical registrar performed a laparotomy and removed 11 litres of blood from the abdo-

For several days it seemed as

operating theatre, where she was given cardiac massage. The sur-geon extracted a large clot of blood from the pulmonary artery

In the evening she was unresponsive to any summing save that her popils reacted to light.

On April 3 the doctor decided that, in accordance with the usual practice, the ventilator should he dispensed with if it could possibly be done. At first she seemed able to breathe adequately, but towards midday suffered a marked deterioration.

On April 5 it was obvious that the brain was irretrievably damaged. A doctor carried out five of the six so-called medical colleges' confirmatory tests. The one conlitted was the "gag reflex" test. They all had negative results. Her relations were spoken to, and the decision was made to disconnect the ventilator. A supply of oxygen was fed to her lungs in case she should make a spontaneous effort to breathe, but she did not prevent the person who had inflicted the initial injury from being responsible for the victim's death even if the medical injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the treatment in of causation between the initial injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the treatment in of causation between the initial injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the treatment in of causation between the chain of causation between the initial injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the treatment. Discontinuance of the intendical injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion of causation between the chain of causation between the chain of causation between the initial injury of the victim's death even if the medical recuttioner coming to his conclusion of causation between the chain of causation between the chain of causation between

the body such as oreaning, which that occurred it was said that the body had died even though by mechanical means the lungs were being caused to operate and some circulation of blood was taking

Their Lordships had been asked to admit evidence that in each of the cases the medical men con-cerned had not complled with all the suggested criteria for establish-ing such brain death. Inleed, further evidence suggested that the

However, in each case there was However, in each case there was no doubt that whatever test was applied the victim had died. Applying the traditional test, all bodily furctions—breathing, heart beat, brain function—had come to as end at the latest, soon after the ventilator had been disconnected.

The question posed for argument The question posed for argument to the court was whether the judge in each case was right to withdraw from the jury the question of causation. Was he right to rule that there was no evidence on which the jury could conclude that the assailant did not cause the death of the victim?

death of the victim?

The submissions of Mr Field.
Fisher and Mr Steer were that the doctors, by switching off the ventiletor and life support machine, were the cause of death, or, more accurately, there was evidence which the jury should have been allowed to consider that the doctors and not the assailant in each case might have been the cause of death.

In each case it was clear that

In each case it was clear that the initial assault was the cause of the grave head injury in the one case and the massive abdominal haemorrhage in the other. In each case the initial assault was the reason for the medical treatment being necessary. In each case the medical treatment given was normal and conventional. At some stage the doctors had to decide when treatment bad become otiose. That decision was reached in each case.

It was no part of the court's

reached in each case.

It was no part of the court's task to inquire whether the criteria of the royal medical colleges' confirmatory tests were a satisfactory code of practice, nor whether the doctors in either case were the doctors in either case were the confirmations one or more or justified in omitting one or more of the so-called confirmatory tests. The doctors were not on trial, the applicant and appellant

were.

In R v Smith ([1959] 2 QB 35, 42-3) Lord Parker said: "It seems to the court that if at the time of death the original wound is still an operating cause and a substantial cause, then the death can properly be said to be the result of the wound, albeit that some other cause of death is also operating... only if the second cause ating . . . only if the second cause is so overwhelming as to make the original wound merely part of the history can it be said that the death does not flow from the

Jf a choice had to be made between Smith and the previous case of R v Jordan (1956) 40 CA App R 152), which their Lordships did not believe since Jordan was

did not believe since forden was a very special case, then Smith was to be preferred.

In the present cases there was no evidence that, at the time of conventional death, after the life support machinery had ben disconnected, the original wound or injury was other than a continuing operating and substantial cause of the death of the victim—although it could be added that it did not need to be substantial to render the assailant guilty.

need to be substituted to accusions, although they would be rare, when the original injury ceased the accusions accusions and the control of to be an operating cause at all. In the ordinary case, if the treat-ment was given hone fide by a competent and careful medical practitioner, then evidence would not be admissible to show that the treatment would not have been administered in the same way by another medical officer. In other words, the fact that the victim had died despite or because of the medical treatment for the initial injury—given by careful and skilled medical practitioners—would not exonerare the original assailant from responsibility for the death.

So far as the grounds of appeal in each case related to the direction of the control o

tion given on causation, that ground failed.

The evidence which it was

sought to adduce, if received, could under no circumstances afford any ground for allowing the appeal. The reason was that nothing which any of the medical men could say would alter the fact that, in each case, the assailant's action continued to be an operating cause of the death. Nothing they could of the death. Nothing they could say would provide any grounds for a jury concluding that the assulant in either case might not have caused the death. The farthest to which their proposed evidence went was to suggest that the criteria or confirmatory tests were not sufficiently stringent and that in the present cases, they were in certain matters inadequately fulfilled or carried out. It was no part of the court's function was no part of the court's function in the present circumstances to pronounce on those matters, nor was it a function of either jury. was it a function of either jury.

Where a medical practitioner adopting methods which were generally accepted came hona fide and conscientiously to the conclusion that the patient was, for practical purposes, dead, and that such vital functions as existed, e.g. circulation, being maintained solely by mechanical means, that did not prevent the person who had inflicted the initial injury from being responsible for the victim's death even if the medical practitioner coming to his conclusion discontinued the treatment lathose circumstances did not, as it was sometimes put break the

doctors whose statements had been placed before their Lord-ships and there was no ground in either case for saving that the judge was wrong in withdrawing the issue of causation from the

jury Malcherek's appeal was dismissed, as was Steel's application in so far as it related to the issue of causation. Their Lordships went on to hear Steel's application on other matters and refused it.

In a dispatch monitored in Cairo, it said that the plot was

the attempt, The plot was organized by the military and led by a retired general who was arrested together with five army officers. An inquiry was under way to identify the accomplices.

He said Soviet "infiltration of Africa and the Gulf region" was a "cancer", and called on the United States to increase aid to less-developed countries to help them to face the Soviet

Singapore, March 17
Prince Norodom Sihanouk's in
political style has always been wi

similar to the saxophone jazz solos with which he used to

entertain visitors—improvised.
Some might call him pragmatic; but whatever the word, it is hard to discern any kind of a consistent theme through-

out his political career beyond a continuous striving for the independence of what used to be called Cambodia.

he is staying in a guest house provided by his "best friend", President Kim Il Sung, the prince is once again at stage

President Nimeiry apparently considers that the Soviet infil

tage operations.
This anxiety is believed to

President Sadat has assumed

tration of Africa has taken a concrete form with the Libyan

population of about 17 mil-

Man in the news Honest poet who leads Nigeria

Alhajji Shehn Usman Aleyu Shagari, President of Nigeria, who arrived in London yesterday for a two-day visit, was elected 18 months ago, if not by accident, definitely not by

design. He was never a leading candidate for the National Party's nomination for the presidency. But other men, obviously acceptable to the large factions in the party, would have polar-ized support and hampered the election fight. Mr Shagari's last-minute candidature was an attempt to bridge the gaps.

In a nation noted for its cor-ruption, President Shagari is famous for his integrity and honesty. He is retiring and reflective, a deeply religious man and a highly-regarded Hausa

also the most experienced, having served in several ministries 1975, having left government and state comporations and sure again just before the coup of vived four coups and counter-coups and numerous inquiries. He has served on the boards of the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank as well as presiding over the first big "Nigerianization" of the civil service and the first significant revision of the immi-

gration laws. Mr Shagari has humble origins. He was born in May, 1925, in Shagari village, Sokoto state. His education started with a theological emphasis but ventually he took a degree in the reaching of science and in 1951 became headmaster of a small primary school at Argungu. Two years leter he lective, a deeply religious man came to Britain on a British cont. Council sponsorship.
In 1958, Mr Shagari is said to have abandoned his post as and a highly-regarded Hausa Council sponsorship.

Ontroversies by appearing to isolate and deflate them. Fiery to have abandoned his post as compromise candidate, he was promising parliamentary secre-

## Zambia envoys reshuffle

Rome's first woman traffic police officer, Simonetta Fioriti, aged 26, takes control of traffic in the Piazza Venezia yesterday.

Lusaka, March 17.—President Kenneth Kaunda has reshuffled

The prince, just like the other

leading candidate as head of a

united front, Mr Son Sann, of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), is

under no illusions that the Khmer Rouge are willing to

cede real power, long-term to any figurehead leader.

Both know that the idea of

a united front is a short-term political palliative to retain the

Kampuchean seat at the United

Nations in the hands of the

Government of Democratic Kampuchea, the Khmer Rouge, and that beyond that the life

of any such united front would

be precarious in the extreme

with the near certainty that the Khmer Rouge would resume

the Prince's interest in leading a united front was profound

disunity among Kampucheans.

Mr Son Sann declined to attend

the Pyongyang talks ostensibly

because he could not afford

absolute power.

The former commander of the national defence force, Lieutenant-General Reviews Lieutenant-General Benjamin Mibenge, becomes High Com-missioner in Canada, replacing missioner in Canada, replacing Lieutenant-General Peter Zuze who goes to London as High

Mr Harry Nzunga, former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is tary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
The Ambassadors to Japan, Belgium, Egypt, Moscow, Angola and Lisbon are all in-

volved in moves.-Reuter.

definite period with elections afford a trip to Paris to visit held under international super- his supporters there. Recent visitors to Kampuchea say that the prince's plans have further eroded what little support he still commanded in the country; although in the heavily monitored Kampuchea of today it is hard to elicit true Perhaps more significantly,

and certainly more tragically, there are reports from the Thai-Kampuchean border that Khmer Rouge military units, emboldened by the incipient alliance with the prince, have begun attacking villages and concenof Khmer refugees trations loyal to Mr Son. The political reality is that unless the non-communist ele-ments of a united Khmer front

are given sufficient military muscle there is little chance of Ironically, the immediate muscle there is little chan effect of the announcement of it getting off the ground. Both Prince Sihanouk and Mr Son know that the only thing that come close to balancing Khmer Rouge military power is more military support. The Chinese refuse this until the trip. He could, however, the united front is a fact.

# is out of control. From Our Correspondent

today for the first business meeting since the December

Those responsible for recent unrest in Northern Uganda were "bandits", he said, adding that his Government, formed after

he was critical of the international oil companies who, he said, had refused to extend credit to Uganda Dr Obote defended the victory of his Uganda People's Congress in the December poll

#### that year, he declined to serve in Murtala Mohammed's cabinet. He then became the chairman of Peugeot in Just as Mr Shagari's politics are sincere and straightforward, his loyalties have been unswerving. He joined the now defunct Northern Peoples' Con-

gress in 1949, at least two years before Ahmada Bello and Balewa, the two power brokers of the first republic. After the relaxation on political activity in 1978, he became a founding member of the National Party. Mr Shagari is a politician who always opts for the slow but sure approach. His strength is an ability to ride out political

## Dr Obote denies that army

Nairobi, March 17 President Obote of Uganda, emphasized the need for economic recovery and improved security when he formally opened Parliament in Kampala

He called for a halt to killings and appealed for foreign investment. Dr Obote did not directly refer to the underground guerrilla groups, which say they are working to overthrow his Govermuent, but he denied that the Uganda Army was out of control and had been killing and robbing civilians on a large

the December election, would work for good relations with all Uganda's neighbours. He welcomed a decision by Kenya to lend Uganda £15m to help clear a backlog of Ugandabound goods "held up" at the Kenyan port of Mombasa. But

and said those who alleged fraud in the elections were enemies of democracy. He pledged that the Government would accept the decisions of the High Court on about 50 alleging petitions election

Johannesburg, March 17

medical colleges on the subject of "brain death".

for several days it seemed as though Mrs Malcherek was making a satisfactory recovery. She was expected to survive. However, in the afternoon of April 1 she collapsed, the diagnosts being a massive pulmonary embolism. She was resuscitated and transferred to applies the private the private. another hospital, where she arrived shortly before midnight. About two hours later her condition suddenly deteriorated and her At once she was taken to the

blood from the pulmonary artery and the heart started again spontaneously, but circulation had been lacking or inadequate for as long as half an hour and there was grave possibility of of anoxic brain damage. She was returned to the ward and connected as a matter of routine to a ventilator. She remained on the life support machine throughout that day, receiving intensive care. In the evening she was unresponsive to any sumulus save that her pupils reacted to light.

decision as to what constituted death. Modern techniques had undeam. Modern techniques had undoubtedly resulted in the blurring of many of the traditional and conventional concepts of death. A person's heart could now be removed altogether without death supervening; machines kept the blood circulating through the vessels of the hosty until a president. solon circulating through the vessels of the body until a new heart
could be implanted in the patient.
There was, it seemed, a body of
opinion in the medical profession
that there was only one true test
of death, namely, the irreversible
death of the brain stem, which

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From the unlikely address of into the negotiations.

Pyongyang, North Korea, where Apparently recognizing the

centre of Kampuchean politics with tough conditions and a in circumstances some Kampu-plan not to hold a second round

cheans see as uncomfortably of talks before the next session like those in 1975 when the of the United Nations in New Khmer Rouge came to power.

After what the prince has The prince's main condition

said was a lot of pressure from for a united front under his non-communist Kampucheans leadership is that all parties in

outside the country, he has just Kampuchea should agree to concluded the first round of being disarmed immediately negotiations with Mr Khieu after a withdrawal of Vietnam-Samphan, the Khmer Rouge ese forces and that Kampuchea

leader on a united front to should then pass into United

oppose the Vietnamese pre- Nations trusteeship for an in-

Solicitors: Trevanion & Curis, Parkstone; T. I. Clough & Co. Bradford; DPP.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, repeatedly said that budget statements were never dis-cussed in Cabinet when she was questioned about the inquiry ser up into the budget leak.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, (Ebbw Vale, Lab) had asked her what was the basis or the circumstances in which she has set up the inquiry into the alleged budget leakage?

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): I personally do not set up inquiries into matters within the province of the Treasury, It is set up in the normal way by the Treasury doing this through the normal Civil Service departments.

Mr Foot : I take it that this is a normal inquiry into the usual leak-

normal inquiry into the usual leak-age. Is it the case that the most serious leakage that occurred last week was that which suggested on Friday that she herself, or those closely associated with her, had said it would not be possible to have a pre-budget meeting of the Cabinet to discuss what was going into the budget because of the danger of leakage, and what was discussed in the morning might be out by tea time? Can she tell us who these teatime traitors are, and give us a little more enlightenment about whether it did come from her office?

Mrs Thatcher: I can never re-member all the time I have been in Cabinet, a budget which was itself discussed in Cabinet before the budget was prepared. Never.

Mr Foot: It is most extraordinary if the present Cabinet does not discuss the budget before hand. That certainly was not the practice in previous Cabinets. (Conservative interruptions) I can assure the House there have been discussions as indicated by Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Herham, C) in his speech yesterday.

Did the statement or that attributed to her which was released on Friday about the difficulty she would have in instituting in this Cabinet any discussion on these matters, come from her department, or did it just come from thin air?

Mrs Thatcher: Budget statements

Mrs Thatcher: Budget statements are never discussed in Cabinet. Never, Never. If Mr Foot saya it did in his time, I wouder why we frequently got news items that either the day before the budget or on the morning of the budget the Cabinet was called together to be told precisely what was in it.

Mr David Steele, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles): Is it still the Prime Minister's view a week after the budget that we have to go on taking the medicine? If so, will she remember the words on the side of every medicine bottle: "Caution: Do not exceed the stated dose". Mrs Thatcher: The stated dose has not yet been exceeded. Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab): Since the Prime Minister came into office millions of people in this country have suffered as a result of her policies. In what way has she or her family

suffered in that time? (Con-servative protests.) Mrs Thatcher: I do not think I Mrs Thatcher: I do not think I answer for anything personal at this dispatch box.

Mr Aifred Dubs (Wandsworth, Batersea, South, Lab): Will she consider the secrecy which surrounds the way in which governments traditionally approach their budget plans?

Is it possible in future for the options underlying the budget to be made public sometime before, so that the debate in the House and the country can be petter Mrs Thatcher: No.

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon.

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab): Would she consider the Lab): Would she consider the vote in the House last night on the increase in tax on petrol which was universally condemned by her own side? (Conservative own laughter.)

Can I take it that between now and the committee stage—which I hope will be taken on the floor of the House—the Government will the House—the Government will review their policy and cut out this increase in the tax.

Mrs Thatcher: No. As to the majority, I recall that the Labour Party nationalized British Eerospace and British Shipbuilders with a majority of one. We were 1.400 per cent better than that. (Conservative laughter and cheers.)

Mr Foot Since the segment to be Mr Foot: Since she seems to be so bappy about the result in the House on the petrol tax and since it seems to be causing such great disturbance in the country at large, would she agree to think it over and make the matter the subject of a free vote in the House of Commons

on strike

Civil service pay and local authority pay was 50 per cent higher than two years ago which showed that the Government bad tried to

Mr Denshore Dover (Chorley, C) asked: Will all the civil servants taking part in the current strike

taking part in the current strike lose their pay for the days they are on strike. Mrs Thatcher: People in the Civil Service are not paid for days when they are on strike. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C): Many of my constituents feel the Civil Service are neither underpaid nor lack job security. Would she redouble her efforts to review the manpower levels in every department in central government?

Mrs Thatcher: The pay of the

Mrs Thatcher: The pay of the Civil Service and those in local government is now in money terms about 50 per cent above what it

public service workers a fair Mrs Margaret Thatrher, the e Minister, said during

#### Belize and Guatemala Matter of will benefit from deal honour not to go

House of Lords
The sertiement of the dispute between Guatemala and the United
Kingdom over the territory of Belize will bring benefits not only to Belize but to Guatemala, Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a statement. Lord Carrington said: Following the recent ministerial talks in London between her Majesty's Government and the Government of ment and the Government of

Guatemala, at which the Premier of Belize and two of his cabinet colleagues were present, heads of orreement were signed on March 11 on the basis of which a full sertlement is to be negotiated be-tween the United Kingdom and

This settlement will end the con-troversy that has existed between the two countries for well over 100 years over the territory of Belize.

The heads of agreement, which were published last night, represent a significant advance. Toey provide the framework for a soin ion to this long-standing problem which all concerned can regard as iust and honourable. Settlement of the controversy

will bring great benefits to Belize, the safeguarding of whose interests has been our concern throughout he negotiations. Under the terms of the treates which we shall now legodate the Guatemalan terriorial claim will be ended and belize's future security will there-fort be assured. Gustemala will

Guatemala will also benefit. It will be assured permanent and unimpeded access to the Caribbean; the use and enjoyment of the Ranguana and Sapodilla cays, the two southern-most groups of very small islands on the Belizean bar-rier reel; and rights in areas of the sea adjacent to the cays, as may be agreed.

Other provisions will be mutually beneficial: They include free port facilities for Guatemala.

The heads of agreement represent a commitment on all sides to negotiate in good faith the legal instruments which will provide for a full, honourable and permanent settement. I pay tribute to the importance and flexibility charge take this major step forward. I am confident that with continu-ing good will and understanding a

independent nation.

transport?
Mr Ridley: The freedom of transit is for commercial traffic only.
There is no concession for mili-

Mr Edward Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil, Lab): It would be a good idea for the British troops to with-draw slowly so that we can be sure the settlement will stick.

ment projects came from Britain

the continued assistance of Britain

Mr Neil Marten, Minister for Over-

seas Development (Banbury, C) said figures had not yet been decided, but aid would continue for a number of years. The Government was considering a suitable

aid package or what was some-times called a golden handshake.

on independence. It would have

to be discussed when a date for

The full implications of the settlement with Guaremala would not be known until the details had been negotiated over the coming

Existing aid to Belize was given

The Consolidated Fund Bill was

in the context of a healthy and expanding economy.

read a second time and passed the

remaining stages.

independence was fixed.

tary traffic along those roads.

## No decision yet taken on future of British troops

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Lab): It is an encouraging statement and I am glad to congratulate him on a substantial achievement. A settlement the hope it will end the long-runnil help to maintain the peace and stability of this crucial area, especially in the face of Cuban adversions of the long-running dispute between Britain and Guatemala over Belize and enable Belize at last to take its place as an independent nation. Daily in the face of Cuban adven-turism. It is in the interests of central America as a whole that there should be this new evidence

of stability in that area. Nevertheless, Belize will no doubt wish to have guarantees for the future. One of them might be the continuance of the sophisti-cated British military presence in

The Opposition would hope that any such presence might not be unduly prolonged. It involves 1,600 troops and a high level of technical support and costs some £25m. Mr Ridley: We must discuss it with the Belizeans before we can make precise predictions about troop strength.

Even more important in the more important in the medium and longer term is that the Government should be as generous as possible in the aid it will extend to the newly independent country of Belize.

I imagine that, since the security of Belize is now on the face of it score, the troops will be shortly withdrawn, even if the Belize Government would in general like them to account them. them to stay.

whatever happens (he said) we will help the Belize defence force to impove its capability with training equipment of all sorts so that it can become a credible force in the defence of Belize.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab): Congratulations which are other than mild are premature considering we are dealing with a dictator whose country is armed to the teeth. The situation which has previously applied in Belize has been kept calm because of British troops. Lord Carrington: The territorial integrity of Belize is maintained and preserved by these heads of agreement. The security of Belize has been one of our primary con-

lt will be discussed at the consti-rutional conference, but the nature of this agreement will perhops make the need rather different from what it would have been had there not been an agreement. I saw the Foreign Minister of Mexico here last week. The Mexicans have always been on record as accepting the rights of Belize to telf-determination. They have always voted at the United Nations A favour of the independence of

of the road and things might go wrong. By far the best solution of ecide the future of the security orces in Belize.

After Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonsealth Affairs, had repeated the

selize. I know they will approve

## Golden handshake

Jouse of Commons

Aritain should retain the good will

West, Lab) said since 63 per cent
ot all money for capital developof Belize and help it in every way cossible, Dr Maurice Miller (East lossible, Dr Maurice Miller (East Cilbride, Lab) said, opening a lebate on add for Belize on the notion for the second reading of he Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill. Belize was a country of endemic lational disasters, mainly hurrianes, which were frequent and fren of second intendity. It was a iften of great intensity. It was a lemocratic, multi-racial country with a parliamentary system similar to Britain's. It was intensely tro-British, intensely preoccupied with maintaining British links and my aid accorded to it would be but to used effect.

unt to good effect.

This little country which had bout 150,000 inhabitants with few altural resources except the willinguess of its people to work was be type of country which, as it rocceded towards independence. fritain should not forget and bould accord to it the thanks it leserved in vew of its long-stand-ag connexion with Britain.

in Belize and for Belize in Gustemale; completion of roads; facili-ties for oil pipelines; agreements on pollution control, navigation and fishing; joint exploration sod exploitation of minerals in areas of the sea bed and continental shelf to be agreed; development projects and security cooperation.

imagination and flexibility shown by the Belizzan delegation as well as the Guatemalan Government in the talks which have enabled us to

about 50 per cent above what it was two years ago.
That shows that this Government has tried to give those who work in the public services a fair deal.
On manpower levels, we have announced we wish to get the Civil Service down to the lowest post-war level of 630,000. We shall warman that obligation therefore the content of the conten pursue that objective vigorously.
Mr Michael Neubert (Havering Romford, C): In view of the conthoing disruption by civil servants, has the Prime Minister reached any conclusion about the statement made by the strike co-ordinator 10 days ago that it was intended to damage economic strategy and reduce the country's defence capability?

Does not that go' beyond a pay strike and threaten democratic government itself and argue for the negotiation of a non-strike clause.

Mrs Thatcher: We would regard

these matters very seriously indeed. Sometimes I have suggested that we have a no-strike Does the freedom of transit given to Guatemala on the two roads through Belize to the Guatemala border apply to military

agreement.

We really believe in key matters
of this kind it should be a matter
of honour that there should be no

## PM rejects economic

# sanctions

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declined a request to support mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa in support of independence for Namibia. Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab) had asked in her discussions with President Skagari of Nigeria. will she give an undertaking that when Namibia's case comes before the Security Council the British Government will support mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa. Mrs Thatcher: I can give no such undertaking. The British Government will continue to work in the usual ways in which representatives work with our partners for a settlement of Namibia so that Namibia became property independent with proper elections and a free ballot.

# Britain ready to help free Nato area

The Government did not envisage the operation of the West's pro-posed rapid deployment force without the full support of and at the request of those states con-cerned, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, said. cerred, Mr John Roll, Secretary of State for Defence, said.

This would be a common ven-nere, he explained, for the defence of countries threatened by aggres-sion and its deployment would have to be by agreement and after consultation

Mr Nott (St Ives, C) had said in reply to requests for a statement on the force British defence activity outside the Nano area alms to help maintain stability primarily by the provision of training and assistance, participation in joint exercises and the supply of defence

equipment. In addition, British armed forces In addition, British armed forces are aiready available to take military action in an emergency by rapid deployment overseas. In concert with other allies, printipally the United States, we are ready, where our assistance is sought to make a modest use of force to protect the interests of friendly local states and of the West in strangic regions. friendly local states and of the West in strategic regions.

In my discussions last week with the US Secretary of Defence about the US plans for a rapid deployment force, I made it clear that we will give full support to the United System.

We are also ready to undertake national tasks such as the rein-forcement of British dependent territories or the protection of British citizens overseas. Mr John Stokes (Balesowen and Stourbridge, C): What sort of forces could be deployed in a rapid deployment force.

it would be better for the Gov-

Mr Noti: On our side, we arready have a spearhead battalion, as it is called—the First Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, and, in two weeks' time, the Royal Regiment of Wales, which is on 72 hours' notice.

Modice. When it is the 72 hours
Modice. We have enough VC10s and
Hercules to lift them quickly to
any necessary part of the world.
We have further units from the 8th Field Force stationed here; that includes among other units the fully-trained Parachute Batta-

There are other forces which are earmarked by Nato as mobile forces, some at the moment dep-loyed in the United Kingdom, and others on the Continent. There is a others on the Continent. There is a substantial force we can draw on. Mr John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C): Relief in his welcome substantive reply would be undermined if anything were done to reduce the strength and effectiveness of the Royal Marine Commandos. Mr Nott: I know his great concern about the proposal to merge one of the commandos with others. There is no present lutention to reduce the numbers of the Royal Marine Commandos, indeed recruiting is still increasing their numbers. It is true we envisage one less com-

still increasing their numbers. It is true we envisage one less com-mando, and so one less unit. Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab): Has he considered the objections to these plans from certain Arab states in the area. Wisely and un-derstandably, they do not wish to get involved in the cold-war stra-

Mr Nott: I am not aware of the objections. If there are any, I am going to Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain next week. No doubt, I shall hear directly from them how they see we can act together in our common interests to preserve various parts of the world which might be under potential threat—both the countries themselves and the West as a whole.

both the countries themselves and the West as a whole. Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet East, C): On his forthcoming visit he should undertake to Carry out detailed consultations with friendly countries in that area before coming to final deicsions on our contribution to a rapid deployment force.

force.
While any extension of the exist-While any extension of the existing maritime force in the Gulf in a time of crisis could be useful, any attempt to build a big maritime base on foreign soil could be counter-productive and provocative. Mr Nott: The security and stability of the Gulf is in the first place a matter for the states themselves. We do not envisage action in, for instance, the Gulf without the full support and request of those states concerned.

concerned.

This would be a common venture for the defence of countries threatened by aggression. It would have to be by agreement and after consultation.

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On a naval force, a Royal Navy
contribution could be significant.
On basing, the United States is
having talks with a number of
countries in that area. This would
be bases for equipment, almost
certainly not people. These are
matters which we are reviewing
with the countries concerned.
Mr Frank Allaun (Salford East,
Lab); Does he remember the long

and successful struggle in this House to wind-up our military activity east of Suez ? Is the Government proposing to return there?
Mr. Not: I remember Mr Allaun's struggle, Whether it was successful is a question of indement. Certainly, we did withdraw from the same age of Snez. But permanent bases east of Suez, but there is no intention to return to one there, the Gulf or anywhere else. That is not the purpose of the rapid deployment force and never

He added later: On the naval task force side, we envisage the possibility of HMS Hermes with Marine Commandos and support forces, might be available for RDF

Mr James Wellbeloved (Berley, Erith and Crayford, Lab): His statement that he is prepared to reassign the Nato mobile force to the rapid deployment force strikes a fundamental blow at the coherence of the Nato alliance, since the first priority is to the central front of Nato.

Mr Nott: No. I said that we had a spearhead battallon on 72 hours' notice and the 8th Field Force in the United Kingdom. That is not dedicated to Saceur. I said that Nato had a mobile force which, if Nato so decided, might provide some forces. That is not decided. forces. That is different to the way Mr Wellbeloved put it. Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Rast Grinstead, C): Could be possibly give us some idea on the thinking of the Government on this complex

Mr Nott: There are a number of details to be settled but it depends; to some extent on how the Ameri-cans further develop their own ideas on command and control structure and the avert resistion of their own forces before we can find

spokesman on defence (Pontypridd, Lab): In an interview in Now I magazine, it is reported that Mr Nott suggested that the boundaries of Nato would be extended. What

he says about Saceur implies that there is a desire for extension. Would he deny that? The flaw in the announcement was that the consultation was in washington and not in the Gulf, where it should have been before the announcement. Would he asknown the Prime Minister to think first and speak afterwards, rather than the reverse?

Mr Nott There is a continuing.

Mr Nott: There is a continuing, dialogue with the Gulf states by the United States and this country. On the question of control arrangements, this would be a national force and not under Nato com--

What I said and will clarify once again is that there are some mobile forces which exist already and which, if Nato so desired, might provide a mobile force, but the United States are not envisaging the RDF should be drawn from troops on the central front, nor-am I envisaging that any contri-bution we might make would come from the central front.

It would come from the spear-head battalion and, if more is needed come from the 8th Field Force in the United Kingdom.

## nuclear and conventional submarines

The Ark Royal was being launched by the Queen Mother in June, Mr Keith Speed, Under Secretary for Defence for the Royal Navy, said. Mr Speed (Ashford, C) told Mr Speed (Ashford, C) told Mr Speeden Ross (Isle of Wight, L) that it was not the practice to publish future warship ordering plans. At present the department held a number of tenders from interested shipyards for a variety of vessels including a nuclear powered fleet submarine, Type 22 friestes, and mine sweeping trawlers. ered fleet submarine. Type 22 trigates, and mine sweeping trawlers.
Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Hamilton, Lab): The minister has told us
he is not going to declare in
advance the shipbuilding programme for the Navy, yet two
national newspapers have well
documented accounts of the future
ordering programme. documented accounts ordering programme.

Is there or is there not going to be a future fleet submarine order-ing programme and is there going to be an SSN or a conventional

Mr Speed: There are going to be SSNs and conventional submarines. I am not responsible for what appears in a speculative form in

#### MP's complaint on EEC cash rejected by 50

A warning—similar to a Govern-ment health warning—should be prominently attached to every tranche of Brussels-British money naking clear that it was not European money but British tax-payers' money and that thus country was getting back £1 for every £2 committed, Mr Ambony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) said. But he was refused leave by 178 votes to 128—majority sgainst 50—to introduce the European Communities (Amendment) Bill.

Its purpose, he said, was to amend the European Communities Act 1972 to make the provision of objective and relevant information about the working of the Community automatic.

Community automatic.

Questions such as "How much does the French farmer cost the British housewife?" should be answered. The British poblic should be attempts by the afficionados of Brussels to try to pretend that every penny coming from Brussels was European money. The people mast not be misled. The money started in their pockets.

Mr Russell Johnson (Inverness, L), opposing the Bill, said that to propose the amendment of the 1972 Act was not practical and it was political nonsense to suggest it.

What Mr Marlow suggested was also dishonest: He knew the commitment of his party to the Community. Many Conservative MPs shared the dissatisfaction with certain of the workings of the Community, but to pretend that ameading legislation would solve this was not true. Britain's solve this was not true. Britain's problems were political, not national.

Private Bill The Charterhouse Japhet Bill was read the third time in the Com-

## Navy to have Minister pressing United States to buy British defence equipment

my visit to the United States last week, I had useful discussions with the 'US Secretary of Defence and also with the Secretary of State, I met a number of senators and visited the headquarters at Nor-folk, Virgins of the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. I found complete identity of view with Mr Weinberger on the need for the Alliance to remain firm in the face of the military

threat we face and to meet the agreed Nato targets, scenning from this expenditure the maximum operational capability. We also agreed that we must not reduce our effort to secure a lower reduce our errort to secure a nower level of armament on both sides by continuing to try to secure agree-ment with Warsaw Pact countries on realistic and verifiable measures

of arms control.
On defence equipment, Mr Weinbesger and I agreed that reciprocal trade in equipment between our two countries enhances the economic strength of both the United States and the United Kingdom and that the UK had good equipment to offer. Mr Weinberger confirmed that there were proposals before the US Congress to fund both the AVEB and the JP233 programmes.

grammes.

The briefing I received at Saclant provided me with a vivid description of the immense capability in the maritime sphere, as in others, that the US commits to the Alliance In this and in all more is

The relationship between the United States and Britain could not be warmer, Mr John Nott, Sexretary of State for Defence, said daring a question on plans to further the prospect of United King-dom equipment purchases by the United States. We are, he added, doing our utmost to persuade the United States to buy more defence equipment from us.

Mr Nott (St Ives, C) said: During my visit to the United: States last week. I had useful discussions with Mr John Nott: I entirely agree.

of jobs in Britain.

Mr John Nott: I entirely agree,
We are doing our utmost to persuade the United States to buy
more defence equipment from us.
There is a considerable imbalance
in their favour at present.

As well as the discussions with
Mr Weinberger on the two items I
have mentioned already, we talked
abour Searchwater, Singray,
Wavell, Giant Viper and Hawk.

I home we will be successful in

I hope we will be successful in selling more British products to the US in future.

Mr. Matthew Parris (West Derbyshire, C): Will the final decision on Trident wait for final decisions on offset? on offset?

Mr Nott: We are purchasing from the US ballistic missile system. I do not think that offset in the normal sense in which it is referred to, is really likely or rele-Certainly, we will seek to maximize purchase by the US of our equipment, but in the case of Trident we are talking about some-

dent we are talking about something separate.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East,
Lab): In talks about the need to
expand further the expenditure on
arms, did he bear in mind the
speeches made at the United
Nations special session on disarmament, not only by the British
Prime Minister but by the VicePresident of the United States?

If so, how does he square the
suggestion that we need more and

more arms with the speeches made at the United Nations? Or are we just to take it that these speeches meant nothing at all? Mr Noti: We follow what is said in the United Nations but not all those who made speeches happen to be on our side. to be on our side.

In my main answer I said we did discuss arms control in general. We agreed it was necessary to secure agreement with the Warsaw Pact countries on a lower level of armanents, balanced on both sides with verifiable measures to control

Mr Anthony Buck (Colchester, C1: Can he tell us more about what will happen about Stingray? Can he confirm that our relationship with the United States is a close and special one and is likely to continue?

continue?
Mr Nott: Our relationship with the United States could not be warmer. I had an excellent series of talks and we were congratulated widely in the US for the substantial contribution we make to Nato. Strugray was mentioned in our talks and we will be following it up in future months. future months.

Mr David Clark, an Opposition spokesman on defence (South Shields, Lab): On the JF233, will be confirm or deny that we have had notice of cancellation by the Americans? If this is correct, are we solve to continue to develop it.

we going to continue to develop ! on our own and at extra cost? Mr Nott: The position under the last administration was that Congress was unwilling to pass the funds which were provided by JF233. The present administration has mut the matter back before has put the matter back before Congress and we believe that it is likely to go through this time.

As for our position on the JP233 it is closely related to the progress this matter makes through the US Congress. It would be better if we both went in for this weapon than if we were required to do so where

#### Trident will bring jobs to industry

Seventy per cent of the £5,000m; cost of the Trident programme would be spent with British in-dustry and would increase jobs, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, said at question time. Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) number of deterrents on both sides was now so horrendous as to be

able to blow mankind skyhigh, The money to be spent on Trident, if put into the economy would regenerate industry and put many people back to work instead of being used uselessly on this-so-called deterrent.

Mr Nott: I doubt if the shipyard workers in Barrow who will be receiving a large proportion of this in extra shipbuilding orders would share Mr Flannery's view.

Seventy per cent of this £5.006m will be spent with British industry and will increase jobs. It will go into the British economy.

As for the detertent aspect, As for the deterrent aspect, altiough the scale of the strategic weapons on both sides is horsendous, our own independent determent will make an extremely significant addition to the deterrent towny aggressor simply because it involves a second area of decision-

Mr Brynmor John, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Ponty-pridd, Lab): It makes no sense to spend £5,000m on a marginal addition to the so-called deterrent atthe expense of interrupting other expenditure commitments. Mr Nort: Every Labour Govern-ment since the war has considered it desirable, if not essential, that:

we should have an independent strategic nuclear deterrent. If the Opposition has changed its mind one must ask why this is so when the threat is increasing year...

## Defensive capability against chemicals

during questions.
Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) asked the Prime Minister whether her conversations with President Reagan included discussions on the stockpling or deployment of binary nerve gas weapons on British soil.
Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): No. C) : No.

Mr Hooley: The United Kingdom has, hitherto, bad a good record in promoting discussion on a convention to abolish all chemical weapons and prohibit their Will this continue to be the policy of the Government in the light of the horrffying nature of

Mirs Thatcher: Yes, we are amious to secure a comprehensive ban on chemical weapons. What is holding up such a ban is the attitude of the Soviet Union which has shown it is unwilling to countenance the verification countenance the verification arrangements we need. arrangements we need.

Mr Cyrll Townsend (Berley, Berleyheath, C): Many on this side welcome the Prime Minister's decision not to develop an offensive chemical warfare capability but to concentrate on producing better defensive mechanisms rather than chemical warfare.

Mrs Thatcher: It would be better still if we had a comprehensive that and have proper protection.

Britain must concentrate on ban on the possession of all chemenabling her troops to have a ical weapons, but so far there is defensive capability against chemical weapons, like Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, said during questions.

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) asked the Prime Minister whether her conversations with President Reagan into to do.

to do.

Mr Winston Churchill (Streeford, C): It is a matter of extreme concern that the Soviet Union should have made such heavy investments in recent years in an offensive chemical capability, both land based and sir-launched. Every division of the Soviet army has an integral chemical battalion. In those circumstances, unless

In those circumstances, unless some agreement can be obtained with the Soviet Union, is the Prime Minister not prepared to look again at the whole question of whether British troops should face such, weapons without any means of safeguarding themselves against them?

against them?.

Mrs Thatcher: It is a terrible fact that the Soviet Union has this considerable offensive chemical weapons capability. I believe that criticism should be concentrated on persuading them first to reduce that, then toosly to disband it.

So long as they retain it, naturally other countries are concerned that they have nothing to deter

Need for medical school at St Mary's Hospital

Closure of the medical school of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, would cripple the hospital and destroy the health care essential to that area Mr John Wheeler (City of Westminister, Paddington, C) said in an adjournment debate.

He said that the university centre would be meeting next Wednesday when it would probably make a decision about the future of the London medical schools. It was being suggested that this school would have to be closed. That would have a disastrous effect on. a hospital which was essential to an area which had considerable social deprivation.

social deprivation.

Sir George Young, Under-Secretary for Health and Social Security (Ealing, Acton, C) said that the Flowers report had proposed the amalgamation of 34 existing medical institutions within the university. sity.

The report had been hotly dis-

puted and after a long period of consultation the medical faculty of the university proposed a revised package which changed some of the elements of the Flowers recommendations but supported many of

There could be no doubt that the hospital would continue to be a major centre for the provision for acute hospital services. The Gov-ernment remained committed to the current plans for developing the hospital.

The current condition of the facilities there was inadequate and

preceding five years has also been criticized.

the area council: "The NUM

can win virtually anything pro-

hospital in its existing buildings.
Part of the buildings were over100 years old, the layout wasalmost unworkable, space inadequate and communications
poor. But despite the difficult conditions the standard of services
provided had remained consistently high.
Whatever the decision of the
University of London about the
organization of the medical
schools, the Government was fully
committed to the redevelopment
and his department had made clear

and his department had made clear to the university there would be substantial costs in any major replanning and this would be under. sirable at such a late stage.

We would not (be said allow NHS services to be adversely affected by any withdrawal of vital

affected by any withdrawal of vital support services.

He would make certain that. before any decision was arrived at Mr. Wheeler's speech was made available to those who had the decision to take so that they could be well aware of the high feeling and strong argument he had made in support of the medical school, House adjourned, 3.31 pm. House adjourned, 8.31 pm.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Dobate on the economic problems of Northern Ireland Motion of the Prevention of Terrorism (Terrorism Preventions) Act 1976 (Continue Service Programmes Service)
House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on the effects of expenditure cuts on the admication service.

## it had become increasingly diffi-cult over recent years for it to Nationality Bill may be amended

Consumer group:

By Hugh Clayton Consumer groups called yes terday for a freeze on farm prices of sugar, dairy produce and grain used for animal feed.-They rejected the Government's policy of protecting farmers with a "tax on food".

The Consumers in the European Community Group (UK), an umbrella organization for 21 consumer bodies, said the, average rise of 7.8 per cent recommended by the European Commission obscured the fact

higher.
"In Britain these foods form: an important part of many. people's diet. in particular. those of families on low in-

The group told him it would be inconsistent to raise farm prices while trying to restrain. inflation and the cost of the EEC budget and orged him toreduce the EEC "tax on food"-

## been kept calm because of British troops. In a situation like this, where there is going to be a great constitutional change, the people of Belize should be consulted. Would it not be a good plan to have a referendum under impartial supervision to ascertain the views of the people? Mr Ridley: It is only 13 months since the Governent of Belize was reelected convincingly on a full mandate to proceed to independence come waht may. I accept we have not got to the end of the road and things might go wrong. By far the best solution Rules on disclosure of company accounts The fear that companies would

have to face even more regulations from Government departments because of the Companies (No 2) Bill, which strengthens the inspec-tion of accounts and sanctions against fraud, was expressed by Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab.) .He was moving an Opposition amendment to Clause 5 dealing with accounting exemptions, dur-ing the committee stage of the Bill. The proposed change would have obliged the Secretary of State, when he wished to modify the accounting exemption provisions, to have a draft instrument containmodifications approved by resolution of both Houses.

He said people in busines already had to keep an eye on an unending stream of regulations from Govern-ment departments, but if they were to be inundated with regulations every time the EEC blinked an eve or a new Commissioner got an idea about what information was required, they would be filled with The amendment was rejected by 72 votes to 57—Government majority, 15.

majority, 15.
Lord Bruce of Donington, moving
a further amendment, said he did
not see why medium-size companies should be exempt from the
represcripibility.

responsibility to provide particu-lars from their turnover. The med-

ium-size company defined in the Bill was of a substantial size and its results were quite significant. The figures it achieved by way of performance were not only of terest to the company and its shareholders but to the public.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Advocate, said the amendment dis-played a somewhat grudging atti-tude to the medium-sized company. Although there was a provision that this information need not be disclosed if it was seriously prejudicial to the interests of the cum-pany, in the case of a medium-size company it would be possible to infer a great deal from the accounts that could not be inferred in the case of a larger company where the figures would be subsumed in larger aggregates in their

The Government considered carefully where the correct balance lay and concluded that medium-sized companies should be reduced. sized companies should be relieved of the obligation to file this infor-mation with the registrar. The amendment was negatived.

British Railways Bill were both read a second time. The House of Commons Members Fund and Parliamentary Pensions Bill was read the third time and passed. By Philip Webster Parliamentary Staff be for one generation only. Exceptions are made for Crown servants and clause 3 entitles The Government is considera child born abroad to be regis-tered as British if one parent is employed overseas by a United Kingdom-based company

The bilt's provision that me only if the parent has been employed wholly or mainly out-side the United Kingdom in the ing several changes to the nationality Bill after represen-tations from British businessmen living and working over-The Bill broadly provides for the transmission of cicienship to children born overseas of

British citizens by descent to Referendum call on closed for a national referendum on

the closed shop. The suggestion came from Mr Richard Shepherd, Conservative MP for Alldridge-Brownhills. The Greater London Council (General Powers) (No 2) Bill and

shop rejected By Our Political Reporter Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday rejected a suggestion

The Prime Minister, in parliamentary written reply, said the Government was opposed to the principle of the closed shop and shared fully the public indignation which recent cases involving a number of local authority ployees have caused.

#### Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State at the Home Office, announced to the standing com-Mr Raison announced that mittee on the Bill yesterday the Government was considering that the Government was con-Warning against militancy

from Scargill opponent

From Ronald Kershaw

Wakefield Needless militancy on the part of the National Union of Mineworkers would damage market prospects, cause uncertainty among existing coal users and creat a split within the union, Mr Treyor Bell, the moderate opponent to Mr moderate opponent to Mr Arthur Scargill in the fight for the presidency of the union said yesterday.
Mr Bell, who is general secre-

tary of the 19,000-strong colliery officials and staff sections of

the union, was replying to Mr

vided we are prepared to Mr Bell said the unity of the union was essential to pursue a larger share of the market for coal in Britain and Europe, to

secure a future for Britain's miners. The militants were in danger of fragmenting the union and

CU3-

driving away potential

#### seeks farm sidering extending the scope prices freeze of the clause The Bill's provision that the

that increases on some grain. and dairy produce would be Scargill, the Yorkshire area president, who had told dele-gates in his annual address to

comes", the group said before-meeting Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

by devaluing the green pound-by more than the 5 per cent recommended.

## Social Focus

## Behind the violence, Ulster's shameful poverty

The real tragedy of Northern ireland, usually obscured in a province where a stubborn refusal to see the wood for the trees is essential to the way of life, is that those opposed to the British connexion and those opposed to an Irish one are fighting the wrong battle.

They are encouraged in their foolishness by the general tend-ency in Britain to regard the increasingly distasteful Ulster link as a political and security problem with religious and ethnic overtones rather than as a social and economic problem with ethnic and religious distractions.

The bombings and killings, the political posturings and the toings and fro-ings continue to

command the headlines, but behind them lies an awesome accumulation of social deprivation and outright poverty which can fairly be said to be a disgrace to western civilization. This has been said before, but hardly enough for the have become a clicke. it to have become a cliche.

The first Ulster person I heard

saying it was Bernadette McAliskey, nee Devlin, in a Londonderry pub in 1968, just as the present prolonged bout of sectarian viol-ence began. The shooting and the destruction continue in a desultory way, with Mrs McAliskey very nearly becoming a fatal casualty recently. But it is still the wrong fight, and poverty goes on gaining ground at an accelerating rate without, now, noticeable discrimination between Protestant and Catholic, whatever the former destruction continue in a desuland Catholic, whatever the former may still do to the latter.

#### The growing problem

Political causes which turn people into demolition experts and murderers and lead them to foul their own nest with spectacular insouciance cannot be taken lightly, still less ignored. Britain has done neither, but it remains true that few British politicians, directly responsible though they now are for the province, have grasped the growing immensity of the problem of poverty there and none has done much more than tinker with it, as the present condition of the place proves.

A senior civil servant in Belfast said: "I am not sure whether money alone is the answer to Northern Ireland's troubles. I do know that there can be no solution without it.

In the regional "league tables" of social and economic indicators for the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland usually Les at the bottom when it is best to stand at the top and vice versa. Its disadvantages are aggravated by distance, both physical and psychological.

Figures collated from various sources show the province has the highest proportion of dependent children and the highest birth rate in the kingdom. It also has the highest death rate, the lowest life expectancy and the highest infant mortality.

Northern Ireland consumes less alcohol than the rest of the UK but has the most alcoholics, a curious manifestation of local drinking patterns; more than 40 per cent are teefotal compared with about 9 per cent in Britain, but those who drink more than make up for the abstainers.

The province has by far the highest unemployment at 17.3 per cent (34.5 per cent in Strabane, more than 50 per cent in parts of Belfast) and the highest number of long-term unemployed (as well as the most self-employed). The appalling catalogue goes on and on: lowest personal and household income, greatest dependence on social security, highest domestic fuel expenditure; fewest household durables and housing amenities, highest proportion of housing authorises and the for human habitation ing unfit for human habitation. lowest reading standards (but the highest number in further edu-cation), lowest mean IQ and the highest congenital abnormality and mental handicap rates.

Such good fortune as can be found in depressed Britain, no-tably plentiful if not exactly cheap "home-grown" coal, natural gas and oil, is denied to the northern Irish. Even with a £40m a year subsidy from the Government, electricity costs 22 per cent more than in Britain because nearly all of it comes from oil-fired power stations. Coal costs 12 per cent more, while the small but expens-ive town gas network in the province is being phased out. On her recent visit to Belfast,

Mrs Thatcher promised that electricity prices in the privince will be held until Britain's catch up. This need not be seen as generous, "It's like one of those concessions' dictators make." said a voluntary social worker in Belfast. "You take everything away from somebody, then you give him a tiny bit back, call it a concession and expect him to be grateful". The Government is also studying the possibility of piping natural gas over the border from the Republic's field at Kinsale.

Even so, about two thirds of northern Irish homes rely on relatively inefficient solid fuel.

An official of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, responsible for all public sector

homes in the province to prevent discrimination by local authorities against Catholics, said the condition of the province's housing was 15 years behind Britain's.
"Belfast has the worst housing in
western Europe," he said.
The miserable quality of most
of the city's housing in Protestant

and Catholic areas alike tends tostupefy the inexperienced. The full flavour is acquired by walking round the city in the rain, not from the windows of a car, official or unofficial.

Condensation runs down the inside of windows on a mildish winter's day, attesting to damp and inadequate heating Ingrained dirt actually shines from the wall of a hallway glimpsed through an open door, burnished by gener-ations of shoulders overburdened by most things except paid work.

#### 'The rats don't run ...

Empty houses, boarded up, and overcrowded houses bursting with people who have moved for safety into one ghetto or another look out upon the rubble-strewn mud, of cleared sites or are overlooked by a high wire security fence.

"The only fat you'll see round here is on the rats," said an eloquent housewife in west Belfast. "And they don't run, they walk." That is not strictly true. walk." That is not strictly true. The people on the streets are sometimes overweight, pastyfaced or of blotchy complexion from poor diets. The crumbling cars and swirling rubbish match the lank hair, bad teeth, split shoes and shoddy clothing all around. Troubles or no, there is much apathy, probably more among Catholics than Protestants. Much of this might also be found among Catholics than Protestants.
Much of this might also be found
in southern Italy, but there at
least the sun shines — and there
is only one religion. On the
Protestant Shankill Road, the
benefits of being British seem as
remote as the Battle of the Boyne
its murals celebrate.

Professor Page Townsend

Professor Peter Townsend, author of the trenchant work Poverty in the United Kingdom, once said of the Shankill Road district: "I had never before been anywhere in the United Kingdom where there were so many evident signs of poverty, and I remember two incidents in particular. In one street I saw two red-haired children selling coal by the pound from a handcart. Then a short distance away I noticed young girls looking for underwear in a second-hand clothes shop — this seemed to be a poignantly significan't manifestation of hardship, unique in the United Kingdom."
That was in 1969, It seems no different now.

At the notorious Divis flats, slums from the day they opened, vandalism used to cost £500 a week. Intruders (presumably) urinated in the lifts, so vital to elderly people imprisoned in the tower block, and defecated in the hallways. Eventually the Housing Executive took defensive measures. Tempered steel lift doors were specially ordered from the local Harland and Wolff shipyard and two watchmen were engaged for a total of about £150 a week, an intelligent piece of job creation which produced a net saving of £350 a week.

"Unless we get a lot more money soon", said the Housing Executive official, "we won't even be able to stand still. There are 32,000 families on the waiting list, two thirds of them in acute need, and it grows by 2,000 a year."

The Executive administers: 192,000 homes, about 37 per cent

of the province's total stock. The official thought (he had no means of confirmation) that about 50,000 tenants of the executive were getting supplementary benefits and another 20,000 rent rebates. He thought that another 20,000 were entitled to help but did not

Small wonder that there is a formidable and still growing public debt in Ulster, now exceeding £31m, which represents in a province of a little more than 1.5m people a total of £20 for man, woman and child, owed for unpaid rent, rates, electricity and gas. The statistics are difficult to disentangle be-cause those who owe in one category are the most likely to owe in others, but it would appear that 100,000 householders share the total debt, an average of £300

The public debt originated in rent and rate strikes 10 years ago and more, but administrators, social workers and other informed sources agree that the bulk of it now is evidence of inability to pay on grounds of acute poverty. The ising Executive will increase all rents by an average 38 per cent in May on Government orders.' The Executive official said: "This is a bloody silly doctrinaire approach. We could also employ many more people and have our pick, too, but we're not allowed to do that either, for the same

doctrinaire reasons." Eileen Evason, lecturer in social administration at the New Univer-sity of Ulster at Coleraine and a leading figure in the "Poverty Lobby" which gathers infor-

mation on need and tries to draw attention to it, has produced a number of vivid reports with catchy titles, like "Ends that don't meet" and "Just me and the kids" (on one-parent families, of which Dister has far more than its fair

Ms Evason thinks Northern Ireland is at the end of its tether.
"We are so far down the line that we can't take it any further. The social situation is explosive because of all the poverty here. People could get killed because of this. Every cut in spending has a disproportionate effect on us. Deliberate discrimination on religious grounds is fading: everybody's going down the same drain now." Last week's Budget will on this basis add several more turns of the screw.

#### Higher cost of living

share).

It is clear that Britain's overstrained social security system cannot cope with Northern Ire-land's problems, the most obvious of the several reasons being that payments are too small.

But there are other factors. There used to be positive discrimination in Ulster in that fuel subsidies took account of the higher prices charged. This practice has been abandoned. The system never did take any real account of the higher cost of



living and all the other disadvan-tages relative to Britain to be found in Ulster.

The system also faces the wrong way. Instead of being active in looking for ways it can help, it is passive and waits for people to find out what benefits they might be entitled to and to claim them. The forms are usually dreadfully "official" and impenetrable to all but the well-educated and practised claimant, a contradiction in terms. The fear of "scrounging" has taken the heart out of the system and overrides crying need. Ulster is well represented in the recent estimate for the United Kingdom that £500m a year goes unclaimed, not the best advertisement for the welfare state. Nor is the recent Ulster Television dramatized series, intended to show what benefits exist, worthy though the motive was. Another series is

The Government claims that public expenditure per head is 30 per cent higher in Ulster than in Britain, but independent observers argue the margin down to a mere two per cent when special factors such as the emergency are taken into account. Any sugges-tion that the Government should pour money into Ulster until it achieves social and economic parity with Britain is met with helpless references to cash limits. The same Government is pouring the balance of £70m into a factory making luxury sports cars for the American market in the middle of

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The more one sees of the present condition of Northern Ireland, the more convincing the argument becomes that the answer to its problem is above all well thought out injections of money in large quantities. The economic philosophy of the present Government is based on the analogy of the good housekeeper who tries to live within his means. The same good housekeeper is capable of forgoing a holiday to convert an bandoned loft into habitable living-space.

West Germany supports an enclave too, in West Berlin, which it keeps alive not only by a massive special subsidy but also by excusing residents 50 per cent of their tax liability and ensuring that they have the more than the that they pay no more than the going rate for essentials. The population is comparable, Is there lesson here? It is difficult to relate Northern

Ireland to Britain because of the troubles and because it is so far away. But its social and economic problems are only extensions of Britain's own malaise, and I saw nothing there I had not already seen in Strathclyde, on Mersey-side and Tyneside. There was just more of it in a smaller space.

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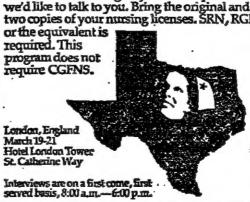
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## Intimate revue with its roots in the 30s

Up in the 80s King's Head

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Dan Crawford is as clever a manager as any theatre can expect and his choices have a manager as any theatre can expect and his choices have a way of proving popular, so far be it from me to complain that Up in the 80s is rooted deep in the 1930s. In its glamorous ocean-liner setting, the revue could even be accused of reaching back to the Roaring Iwenties for its style, but the mood is morbid gaiety, depression merriment, and I am sure that it moves at least as far as 1933. It moves no farther, despite joking songs about neutron bombs and microchips, and a lot of the 1980s material is very resistant to immersion in the 1930s style of Neville Phillips and Robb Stewart, words and music respectively.

For musical masters, Mr Stewart inclines to Kurt Weill and Noël Coward although he knows Evita well enough to pillage the score for Mr Phillips's political mockery in Maggievita, a jolly romp through "Dear Bill" country, featuring the Prime Minister as "the demon grocer of Grantham", Topical salutes to the

the demon grocer of Gran-ham". Topical salutes to the

sies of 1980s London is not so much satirical as sad. There are several nicely rinere are several nicely vicious observations that do come through, including the merry slander of a gay boxoffice clerk discussing interior decoration on the telephone while paying customers give up and head for the cinema. Such moments are sharper for their slightly poisonous exag-geration and Peter Blythe is exactly right, there and else-where, in his instant character-ization. The two waters in the

where in his instant characterization. The two women in the revue. Amanda Barrie and Sheila Reid. are similarly delightful, but the spots written for them are archaic, with images of good-time ladies falling on their backs for an entire naval fleet.

Quite a few people are probably hoping that song sentiment and comedy will be enough to get them through times of harsh budgets and massive unemployment; theatre managers, publicans and politicians among them. Mr Crawford, being at least the first two, has put his cards on the table, but I doubt that Up in the 80s has got the exact mix. A good company, which she exact mix. A good company, which also includes Martin Smith, offers pleasure when the script allows and that could be enough. I found it too nostalgic to seem timely and too obsessed with the present annoyances of today are generally less successful and the picture of Coward moving stylishly among the meths drinkers and exploding embas-

have understood, as well as visibly reproducing the uneasy placements and shadows of his

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Authropomorphic furniture seems, so far, to be one of this year's theatrical features. But between William Saroyan's Playthings and the Theatre of Mistakes' Homage to Morandi (playing lunchtime this week at the Jeannettz Cochrane) is the distance separating Hanslick and Scriabin,

Morandi has an intellectual rigour and toughness that should commend it as stimulation for any scute, sensitive minds numbed by working-day boredom around Southampton Row, unless they are alarmed by the company's description of the play: "A work of oppositions, animate with inanimate, the figurative with the abstract, life with art".

The 40-minute script is sustained by three actors and a stage full of portable furniture: chairs, suitcases, wardrobe. Each actor's costume identifies him by colour with one of these and, by visual and verbal means, human deployment of props develops into an props develops into a exchange of roles with them.

However aridly worked out, the show stealthily creates, despite the performers' rigid discipline, an intimate sense of pathos and fear which the artist Morandi would surely

#### Daphnis and Chloe Covent Garden

#### John Percival

An almost completely shuffled cast of priocipals in Daphnis and Chloe at Covent Garden on Monday still left the ballet looking sadly bedraggled. The one positive gain was to have Rosalyn Whitten as Lykanion, throwing herself at Daphnis with a convincingly greedy apperite. Such a shame, then, to have him look absolutely shattered ar what he apparently regarded as a fate worse than death.

In fairness to Julian Hosking, whose Imphnis remained other-wise smooth but insipid throughout, he had been put on unexpectedly in place of Mark Silver, who ought to have suited the part but fell ill. The plot makes Daphnis such more innocence here too.

Stephen Sheriff's sprightly account of the Scottish Rhapsody ser the ballet off to a good start. 2 droopy fellow that a dancer with some natural sharpness is needed to make anything of ir. Equally, only a man of natural authority can really get away

#### Billy Cobham Round House

#### Richard Williams

The Camden Festival Jazz Week opened on Monday with an evening of unusual variety. We heard music which resembled advertising jingles for instant coffee, music which might have been designed specifically to soothe delayed passengers in airbort lawages and passable airport lounges, and passable imitations of disco music and that egregious variety of rock and roll known as heavy-metal. What we did not bear was much

The only music of lasting value, in fact, occupied around 20 seconds of the evening. It came from Ray Warleigh, the consistently imaginative alto saxophonist, who rose out of Dave MacRae's 12-piece Current Event on a piece called "Four-minute Warning" to deliver a solo which flared and died with the evapescent brilliance of a falling star. Current Event, consisting of five horns, one voice, and an expanded rhythm section, performed seven of MacRae's compositions, any of which might in other contexts have been taken for incidental music. There was no evident attempt at original manipula-tion of the available instru-

mentation, and the charts were performed in an appropriately

robotic manuer largely wasting the talents of several worthy musicians. Why this project was deemed worthy of an Arts Council bursary is anybody's

Billy Cobham's latest venture quintet named Glass Menagerie, shares with MacRae's music the implicit suggestion that, rather than taking a valuable place in a heavily sponsored jazz festival, it ought more properly to be subject to the pressures of the commercial market place.

The American percussionist, whose flashy exploits with the Mahavishnu Orchestra turned him, like some latter-day Buddy Rich, into a hero of the drumclinics, is a marvellous technician and a peerless session-man. Left to his own devices as a bandleader, he heads straight for the lowest common

denominator.

Michael Urbaniak delivered several accomplished but superficial solos on violin and lyricon (a wind synthesizer which sounds alternately like a halfdrowned clarinet and a soprano saxophone lost in a fog), and Santana-ish guitarist Michael Stern, was responsible for their only memorable com-

position, a relaxed, bluesy bal-lad titled "Vanessa".

Cobham's own playing was certainly more subdued than on some past occasions, and his single-stroke rolls are still as smooth as a cat's purr.

Robin Williams gets a tall order in Popeye

Robert Evans asked the comedian Robin Williams, familiar to British audiences from the Mork and Mindy television series, to play Popeye on film. The idea terrified me when he first mentioned it", Williams admits. "But he was so positive in his approach. He asked me: "Haven't you thought about it? Haven't you ever wanted to play Popeye?' You start by being polite and lying—'Well, yes, I guess now you come to mention it I have and end up by being convinced."

Popeye's reincarnation by a live actor comes half a century after the pugnaciously righteous sailor first appeared as one among many characters in E. S. Segar's "Thimble Theatre" comic strip. Popeye, his shrewish girlfriend Olive Oyl, the glutonous Wimpy and the villainous Bluto were an immediate hit with Depressionera readers in the United States. Later, the sailor with a passion for spinach appeared States. Later, the sailor with a passion for spinach appeared in cartoon series made for cinemas, then for television. As Popeye, Williams is required to sing, dance, do acrobatics and spend most of the film with his right eye firmly closed and a pipe clenched between his teethall the while remaining faithful to the image established by the strip and the cartoons. It is the strip and the cartoons. It is a tall order for any performer, let alone for somebody playing his first film role.

The 27-year-old Williams was actually Evans's second choice for the part. The original Popeye, Dustin Hoffman dropped out of the project after a dispute over the script (written by Jules Feiffer, himself a distinguished cartoonisti.

Evans has since admitted that
at the time he suggested Williams to Paramount Pictures, who financed the film, he had no idea that Williams was already a star thanks to Mork and Mindy. He knew him only as a promising young comic from the Los Angeles night-

It also has a vein of humour, incongruity precisely realized, that comes out more fully in the evening show, Going. This is (and here the description is perfect) "a fugue put together out of the verbal and physical mannerisms of departure"

Suitable phrases, "Why do you have to go?", "I really must go", make up a subtly varied subject (in the musical sense) for a piece whose formal intricacies determine everything from word and gesture to the costume of the five participants. Chubs.

However accidental, Williams turned out to be a lucky choice. For one thing, his comedian's bent for improvisation meshed well with the in-formal, collaborative style of Popeye's director, Robert At-man. For another, Williams has a gift for mimicry as striking as that of the late Peter Sellers (one of bis Peter Sellers (one of his idols). And mimicry rather than declamation or rendering subtle emotions turned out to be the key to playing Popeye.

Successive sections, signalled by the lighting of different lamps above the black-walled set, launch the fugue's subject on a different sequence; of "voices", while the introduction of new elements is as precisely calculated as it would be in Bach. As in the shorter play, sinister silences punctuate the simple statements (the con-"Popeye understands his own worth", Williams says. "He's a natural man. Like he says, 'I yam what I yam and that's all that I yam'. We mok



Robin Williams (Popeye) and Shelley Duvall (Olive Oyl)

Popeye comes back to the screen at the beginning of next month, in time for the Easter holidays. This time he is not in cartoon form, but a live actor in the shape of Robin Williams. foun Goodman talked to Mr Williams, night-club entertainer and star of Mork and Mindy, in Los Angeles.

Williams, whose offstage voice is surprisingly soft and shy, worked for a year to lower his speech into Popeye's distinctive growl. At the same time, he honed his body for the strenuous, cartoon-type falls, fights and contortions the part involved. Exercising for three hours a night in the Paramount gym after spending the day on the Mork and Mindy stage, Williams trained with Lou-Wills Jr, a veteran acrobatic dancer. "And after all that," Williams says, "when Bluto threw his first punch at me on the set, I bent forward when I was supposed to bend back and came areas with a blands note."

came away with a bloody nose. The sort of working schedule

that statement as our basis. I Popeye demanded was nothing think we made a very geatle new to Williams, whose overfilm, we kept the innocence night stardom in Mork and Mindy has led to a succession of 16-hour and 18-hour days. Despite the reputed 30,000 dollars a week he gets for the series and the dispensation—rare in American television—to ad lib his own lines in addition to the written script, Williams still finds his Mork role crea-tively stilling. That is not surprising once you have met him. Even when only two of you are present, a conversation with Williams regularly festures a dozen or so extra "characters" Williams adopts, shrugs off then shuffles between at lightning speed. They include the Beverly Hills Blues Singer ("Woke up this morning . . . ran out of invention. He comes to the edge Perrier "1, the childrens' tele- of the stage and replies: "No,

vision fost who puts a hamster in a microwave oven to demonstrare the effects of radiation ("Pop goes the weasel") and the elderly wing from the year 2000 to Maybe you remember me. I used to play an alien on television. Wasn't so funny

after they landed.").

Every Monday night, Williams can be found working incognito, as it were, with an improvisation group at The Comedy Store, a Los Angeles club. One of his favourite thirs are comics call their "bits", as comics call their routines, is to ask the audience to shout our a topic; Williams will proceed to extemporize a Shakespeare play on the subject, in blank verse. Only the occasional cry of "give us Mork" balts his flow of comic

designs in a style of heightened

realism, most evocative in the

forest with huge attendant bird-

figures. Ronconi's production is sympathetic, bold and

is sympathetic, bold and eminently resourceful, with Kabuki-style stage-hands clad in black and virtually invisible.

Great praise is due to the orchestra of La Scala, and the conductor, Peter Edivos rully a

match for the special demands

of the second act-the influ-

ence of La Scala's chief con-

ductor, Claudio Abbado, was

Robert Cambill as Michael

Annette Meriweather as Evi

and Marbias Holle, a splendic

bass, as the father Lucifer, no

applause could be too ecstatic

words, pitch precision and complete naturalness of

delivery and movement made this new and challenging opera

As we left the theatre,

trumpets stationed in first-floor

square played Michael's Leit-motif in sweetly harmonious

polyphony, as the planned coda

to the composition, a lovely

idea. I do hope that the

scenarios for the rest of Stock-

hausen's operatic week (it will

make The Ring look almost an

epigram) involve rather more

dramatic conflict and invigorat-

ing incident. As Goethe put it, one can bear anything except

beautiful days.

unbroken succession

windows on all sides of

seem hardly controversial

For the principal singers

much in evidence

no, that's what I come here to get away from."
Williams is the son of a Derroit automobile executive,

now retired. "The craziness comes from my mother. She's from the South. My discipline tomes from my dad."

Although he has several half-brothers and half-sisters, he was raised as an only child. "I was this lonely little fat kild. When I was by myself. I would When I was by myself, I would invent conversations with other people. I used to tape come-dians off the television and study their voices. I also col-lected armies of toy soldiers

Kind of scary, huh? "My parents didn't mind when I said I wanted to be an actor. My father just asked me to learn a trade as well, so I'd have something to fall back on.

and took them on manoeuvres.

It was a reasonable request, I went to welding school and lasted one week until the in-structor said: You can kill yourself if you don't use this

torch properly.' I thought: 'Oh, oh, I'm not willing to die.'" Drama training at the Juli-liard School in New York, and experience as a stand-up commic in San Francisco followed, before Williams moved to Eos Angeles and broke into televi-

"I'm still learning bow to act for the camera", he admits disarmingly. Everything happened so fast—this is only the third season for Mork and Mindy, But doing Popeye was fun. It was like going back to the discipline of acting after the freedom of stand-up come-dy. We filmed on Malta for six months between January and June. It was like a holiday for me—it was wonderful to get away from being recognized and asked for autographs. Valerie | Williams's wife | and I even managed a couple of days Nicklehy with the Royal Shake-speare Company, the most exciting piece of theatre I've ever seen."

Williams says he wants to do theatre himself. But first there is a film script he is writing with a partner and will star in—"Going the Woody Allen route", he laughs. Charles Joffe, who manages Williams, also manages Allen. And will he direct himself too?

"Oh, no, maybe one day, but it's years sway. I saw what a director has to go through on Malta. Just setting the fake forearms I had to wear as Popeve right was a nightmare. The rubber wrinkled, they cut off circulation in my arms. Then the first costume they gave me was all wrong. So much of a film depends on thousands of details like that, all of which Aluman had to

"About a week into rehearsals, I went to see Bob [Altman] and we talked about the character. We decided Popeye should evolve through the film. The other people were all cartoons to begin with but he starts out as a realistic sailor looking for his Pappy. Gradually he gets drawn rate their world. Then Bob said that, besides saving the written lines in my Popeye voice. I could do a lot of mumbling under my breath. We figured Popeye was a lonely sailor who'd grown used to talking to himself. Bob said I could ad lib the mumbles—they'd be for me. On one or two occasions, when I went too far, they simply lowered the sound."

Joan Goodman

#### trol of pace is spectacular) and suggest nightmarish, helpless imprisonment in one pattern of behaviour and one place, coldly delineated by a painted line on Exciting opera by Stockhausen But, though appealing, it feels sterile; the content is over-extended, and the form is too great a part of it. This dedicated company is still groping for the text combining com-

#### Donnerstag

#### La Scala, Milan

#### William Mann The more advanced composers

for the text, combining com-plexity, susterity and theatrical resonance, which will enable it to say what it can say and nobody else can. of our day insist that opera is. an antique shop, elitist; a no-longer-viable musical genre, but they cannot do without it. All music is about human experif you try to act tough, the solo begins to look silly, which was Michael Batchelor's undoing. That, and a couple of slips which he saved, but only just; perhaps is why some of the ience, articulated in audible ges-tures or evocative tableaux, the dance and the rite, to be seen as well as heard, by intention wholly exhibitionistic, therefore when the music said they should requiring some sort of stage. requiring some sort of stage.

However pure your creative intentions may be, however remote from the legacy of Monteverdi, Mozart, Verdi, Wagner Marguerite Porter played Chloe, Hard luck on her to have a Lykanion who looked far and Puccini, your platform is a theatre, and sooner or later you cannot (and should not) resist the summous.

could sympathize with her for not being able to wring anything Karl-Heinz Stockhausen, the most restlessly questing com-poser of his generation (he was born in 1928), infinitely ambi-tious, completely out of sym-pathy with his musical solo in captivity, but was dis-tressed by the fancy way she played the dance of joy at her release, turning all those wonderfully simple arm movements inheritance, has also succumbed, and honourably. His first true opera, a work in three acts, had its premiere on Sunday at the into affected shrugs.

In Façade, Sandra Conley made a soignée Debutante : fun. although ideally one would like operagoer's Mecca, La Scala in Milan. Hostages were not given to this great act of fortune: the work is totally typical, origmal in every respect.

Stockhausen, like many of his vanguard contemporaries, dallied for a while with musictheatre, the speciacular concert-piece whose music involves performers moving round the plat-form or auditorium. His colleague in Cologne, the high-spirited Mauricio Kagel, must have stimulated him in that lirection, though Stockhausen's dentity as a composer is much more serious, visionary in pur-pose, his ultimate ambition to compose music for inter-galactic performance, no less.

He has made a fresh start by determining to compose a cycle of seven operas, one for each day of the week: the whole is entitled Licht ("Light"). Donnerstag ("Thursday"), the first of them to reach completion, is the day of Thor for us for Italians, it is named after love), and for Stockhausen it belongs to St Michael, the archangel who got rid of Chaos and Old Night in their Draconian guise and who is the hero of Donnerstag.

Stockhausen imagines the erchangel descending to earth like Jesus in order to live as a terrestrial man, grow up, teach and suffer. There was material here for exciting scenes, and the librento does specify a sort of Passion with crucifixion preceded by humiliation, though it seems to have got lost in the staging at Milan by Luca

Michael is the son of a German schoolmaster too absorbed with history, mathematics and war-mongering patriotism to educate his son in other sub-In the opening scene,

Michael learns to speak, to shoot wild animals, a young playmate, too, also to sing the patriotic sougs which his father loves but for which Michael has not much rime.

From his mother Michael instrument is the basset-born. but when she offers him a toy one to play he prefers his father's gift of a trumper-not for martial fanfares but for rallying calls, of a peaceful, more coaxing nature. Mother produces two other children, also a female dancer, an extension of herself, whom little tion. The gentle melodious warbling of the basset-horn returns to him in adolescence, personified by a girl, half-bird, who plays that instrument in a forest where he is walking with his trumper, and who completes his sexual education.

The mother suffers a nervous breakdown and dies in a mental hospital. Father goes to war, and is killed, together with his trombone playing and dancing other selves. They return, disguised, as the jury of Michael's entrance examination to musical conservatory: he passes, with flying colours in singing, trum-per-playing and ballet, recapitu-lating his childhood experiences in terms of his relationships with, respectively, mother, father and independent self. An important character here is Michael's piano accompanist, a role expressly designed for, and forthcomingly played by, Stock-bausen's daughter, Majella.

That is the first act of Thursday, musically conveyed by electronic background to song, speech, a whole vocabulary of intermediary articulate sounds, with which all three characters punctuate their singing, and instrumental solos, plus choral music pre-recorded in Germany and relayed around the auditorium here.

In the second act. Michael and his trumpet betake themselves to the South Pole, where they find a large symphony orchestra attired as penguins (for practical purposes only non-playing extras actually wear penguin-heads, but formal evening dress makes the required effect for the orchestra players). A huge model globe dominates the stage. Michael enters ir, and proceeds to travel round the world making seven stops, in Japan, India, New York, Israel and so on, places where Stockhausen, too, has notched up his triumphs.

This act is purely orchestral, a diamatic trumper concerto which includes dialogues between Michael and members of the orchestra (including an ourstanding exchange for trumper and double bass); there are other instrumental characters, too, notably a pair of clowning clarinet-players whose batter brings a welcome sense of humour to the pre-dominantly serious proceed-



ings. Mondeva, Michael's basset-born avian sweetheart, Michael's two acts only. We had the sweetheart, consolation of Gae Aulenti's lling him exquisitely imaginative scenic returns also, recalling him from his travels for an instrumental love duet and final departure together, pursued by catcalls from the clowns. It is all high-spirited, and eventful, large-textured music in which one does not have time to regret the absence of sing-

ing voices.

They will return in the third act, which takes place in Beaven where Michael and Beaven where Michael by Mondeva are welcomed Mother Eve with a festival of song, choral music, dance, botany and coloured light-We move here quite close to the more recondite of Goethe's special studies, and indeed the form of this third act has not a little in common with the final scene from part two of Faust, as set by Mahler in his eighth symphony. Lucifer, a projection of Michael's father, makes an unwelcome intrusion but is finally ejected, and the opera ends with a vision in which the three Michaels take

their leave of the audience. Donnerstag is something of a Stockhausen family affair. The light-compositions, in the final act, are the work of his wife, Mary Bauermeister; Michael the trumpeter is his son Markus, a virtuoso soloist in his own right; and besides Majella the pianist, another son, Simon Stockhausen, has a role as saxophonist on stage in the third act-he may also have been envisaged as one of. the clowns in Act II.

Obviously the last act is the culmination of Donnersteg, Alas, at the world premiere it could not be performed: the chorus of La Scala, baving been told by Stockhausen to sing like soloists (if I understand their statement aright), demanded to be paid as soloists. The management of La Scala refused, and so the chorus equally refused to appear. There are hopes that the dispute may be settled before this first series of performances

Those of us who live elsewhere had to be content with Coppelia -

Cast changes in

London Coliseum by Ben van Cauwenbergh. At the Saturday matinée Jay Jolley will be mak-ing his debut in the role of Franz, and next Wednesday Nicholas Johnson will dance the

RSC to do La Ronde

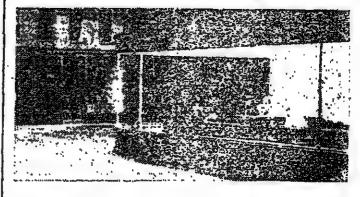
The Royal Shakespeare Company is to present Arthur Schoitzler's play La Ronde in duction by John Barton with a cast including Susan Fleetwood, Richard Pasco, Judy Buxton, Michael Pennington, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Carol Royle.

#### Maxwell Davies works for Bath Festival

Dudley von Loggenburg is undergoing medical treatment and was therefore replaced last in London Festival Ballet's production of Coppelia at the London Coliceum by Par and this year's Park Region. at this year's Bath Festival, which also presents the first English performance of the composer's opera The Lighthouse.

In the festival, from May 22 ta June 7, there will be promieres of an electronic work by Denis Smalley. Word Within, a new plane work by Nigel Osborne, and John Mayer's Osborne, and John Mayer's Ragamalas for cello and tanpura. Among the artists appearing will be Julian Bream, the Beaux Arts Trio of New York, Andre Tchaikowsky, Bob Berky and Cécile Ousset.

## Edward Hopper



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that the ground work for tumor-row's European Cup quarter-final second leg against CSKA Sofia was done at Anfield a formight ago. The 5—1 lead that came when the

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From Norman Fox

Sofia, March 17

## Greenwood party gives his detractors further ammunition

By Norman Fox Pootball Correspondent

Ron Greenwood, the England Ron Greenwood, the England manager, will not be cajoled into breaking away from his established group of players. Yesterday he passed over another opportunity to move towards a policy of youth when announcing the squad for next Wednesday's friendly match against Spain at Wembley.

The match represents one of only two opportunities this year to give newcomers experience

only two opportunities this year to give newcomers experience against foreign opposition without harling them straight into World Cup games. Mr Greenwood prefers to think that the basis of the group of players who showed their limitations in the European Championship in Italy last summer, although now, admittedly, with the welcome availability of Francis, should remain until next year's World Cup final competition in Spain. He may be right, but his critics are gathering their material.

hut his critics are gathering their material.

Although the squad includes Osman. Butcher, Hoddle and, significantly. Barnes, the remainder are the familiar brigade. Kennedy has defected, tired of being a member of the party without receiving too many caps as presents, but there is ample cover in midfield as well-as a powerful selection of forwards. The defence has lost Mills, who has a damaged shoulder, but Osman and Butcher are there to challenge Watson and Thompson, Indeed, they may both piay.

play.

By including Barnes who has not the 4-1 By including Barnes who has not played for England since the 4—1 defeat by Wales last year. Mr Greenwood renews interest in having a winger, thus reopening a broad factical argument about the style of the team. Of similar importance to the pattern of the side is the return of Keegan whose presence ensures vitality in support of the attack but causes the feeling that everything will once more revolve around his talent.

appreciable pressure to involve younger player, not merely in the squad, but the teams in this busy and important year. Two of the party for the game against Spain come to mind as particularly talented; Hoddle, who must be wondering which will come first his club testimonial or a regular England place—and Osman whose performances for Ipswich Town in the first division this season have been so imposed to been so impressive.

The policy is that of minimum or only sufforced change with emphasis on loyalty to the players in possession. This is a laudable in possession. This is a landable sentiment but a little worrying in view of the form and fitness of some established players. Keegan, who has missed all three England matches this season, was in good fettle for Southampton last weekend, but is so regularly injured that there is no guarantee that he will be available for the World Cup Halls, providing England qualify. Watson is patently near the end of his international career and it is important to let Osman have international experience in some friendly games before being introduced to the World Cup.

Several injuries to Thompson,

Several injuries to Thompson, the Liverpool central defender, leave his availability in doubt, but Mr Greenwood's decision for the match against Switzerland in November was to move Robson into that position. The West Bromwich Albion player though is most rainable in midfield. The fliration with "sweeper" centre backs is apparently over.

Once again some of England's brightest prospects will be playing in an England 'B' game against Spain in Granada on the same day as the international match. Devon-shire nd Shaw had legitimate claims for promotion to the senior party and it is regrettable that they are not being given experience at the higher level.



Trevor Francis: back in England party after injury.

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who has been left in England for treatment to an injured thigh. Their frustration when they fail to score arrives earlier than it did and it would be no bad thing tomorrow if they sought to increase their lead in the first 15 minutes, thus at least balancing Solia's away goal.

Bob Paisley, the manager, cannot expect Souness to score with such explosive shots as he did in the first leg, nor the superb Solia tentre-forward. Djevisov, to miss so many chances again.

The Bulgarians have had a fortught to sharpen their physical fitness after their close season. It was Solia's tiredness that finally allowed Liverpool to take such a substantial lead at Anfield, but on home ground the situation will be different. A victory for Solia would not be surprising, but Liverpool would have to forget more pool would have to forget more than a decade of experience to lose another chance of a plate in the semi-final round. McDoragh.

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Newport can take

to dizzy heights

Newport County can become the

first third division club to reach

the semi-final round of a Furn

peza competition at Somerton

Park tonight. They hope to com-

plete a shock result in the Cup

Winners' Cup against Carl Zeiss

Tommy Tynan, with two goals.

Jena have several injuries and

The only occasion a Weish side reached the semi-final round was

One result will haunt loswich Town as they resume he European

leg of their attempt to win three trophies: St. Etieme's 5-0 victory in Hamburg in an earlier round of the Uefa Cup. Even though the First Division leaders

and FA .Cup semi-finalists hold a three-goal advantage from the first leg in France, they cannot afford to sit back and try to defend it.

"That could prove suicidal", said John Wark, the new Profes-sional Footballers' Association Player of the Year. His ten Euro-

pean goals this season have helped lpswich to the verge of the Uefa

Cup last four.

Ipswich to the verge of the Ueta Cup last four.

Ipswich have reshuffled their defence to compensate for injury to George Burley and the remporary absence of Mick Mills with shoulder trouble.

Kevin Steggles makes his first leam debut for Ipswich at right hack the day before his 20th birth-day. He was due to make his debut fast November against Middlesbrough, but the match was postponed. Another young Ipswich reserve, Kevin O'Callaghan, is on standby as cover for Eric Cates, the England midfield player, who has only a 50-50 chance of recovering from a gashed shin.

NEWPORT: Pumber without Device.

Jena, of East Germany.

third division

with a temperature, noping to be available, the outcome tomorrow ought not to be a matter of dehate, although such games have their own problems.

If Liverpool sit back and challenge Sofia to pull back four goals, they could discover that this talented team are capable of doing so. There was little doubt that in the first half at Anfield Sofia were the more skilful side and had their finishing been accurate their task tomorrow would be much less onerous.

The lesson from Saturday's match against West Ham was that Liverpool these days need to score early to restore faith in themselves. They are also unsure defensively without Thompson, who has been left in England for treatment to an injured thigh.

an equalizer, Keegan popped up again and his short, inspired pass to Baker presented the midfield player with the second, conclusive goal. Keegan's goal was a memorable solo effort, one man against the entire Everton defence. He collected the ball from Williams on the halfway line and set off down the right touchline. Outpacing the immediate defenders, he cut inside and dribbled round two or three more players before dummying McDonagh and scoring with case.

Only a minute before, McMahon Only a minute before, McMahon had missed a scoring chance from a similar sinuation and his fumbled effort only served to highlight the difference between Keegan and the rest. Wells did well to deflect McMahon's attempt to dribble round inim and Holmes was there to scramble the ball away. Eastoe also missed a good opportunity and later struck the crossbar Everton undoubtedly had their

chances, but once the second goal went in, time was against them. The second goal ought to have come a good deal earlier, but Channon drove a penalty straight at McDonagh and the ball cannoted up into the air and over the har.

the bar.

In the eighty-third minute Pucket, making his first senior appearance, replaced Channon and immediately had an impact on the match. After a determined run up the left wing he was fouled and quickly flighted as accurate free kick into the goalmouth. Moran headed it down and Williams, with an innocuousand Williams, with an innocuous-looking, bouncing shot deceived McDonagh.

## Keegan now restored to full stature

Southampton 3 Everton 0
At: last, in their fourth meeting this season, Southampton managed to heat Everton. This hard-fought and eventually well-deserved victory will go some way towards avenging their defeat at Everton's hands in the FA Cup and it lifts them to third place in the League table. The match was a personal thumph for Keegau, now apparently restored to full fitness and to the England party. He was the outstanding player on the pitch and his twelfth minute opening goal was his fourth in three matches.

matches.

In the absence of George, Keegan played as a striker and once again he showed how effective he can be when given his head. He caused the Everton defence no end of trouble and his constant provents on and off the constant movement on and off the

Bayern unlikely

Bayern Munich, the West

Banik Ostrava of Czechoslovakia

in their European Cup quarter-

final second leg match tonight.

Although the Bayarians have not

been in top form lately, and only

miliaged a 1-1 draw against

Stuttgart at the weekend, they

are expected to aim to consolidate

their lead with the fast breaks for

which they are renowned.

Banix, who went into the first

leg almost immediately after a three-month mid-winter lay-off from competitive football, have

impressed from match to match since the restart. They have not conceded a goal in four league games and have scored 10 them-

injured defender Volacek, but the centre back Radimec returns after

Red Star Belgrade drew their first leg against Inter-Milan 1-1 nd most fancy their chances at

and must fancy their chances at home. A 2—1 win over Volvodina leaves them on top of their league as clubs below them all dropped paints. By contrast, inter fell to the only goal away to Roma on Sunday and their fourth place is threatened. Real Madrid and Sparrak Moscow are playing their their

Spartak Moscow are playing their quarter-final second leg in Spain

Heavy snowfalls have delayed the English second division leaders

West Ham United, on their way to Georgia for the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup quarter-tinal against Dinamo Thillsi. The

final agains, Dinamo Polits. The team, accompanied by supporters, were to have flown to Tbilist on Monday night but had to spend the fight in Mostow. They were due to continue their journey yesterday in time for today's match in which 'West Hars face a 4-1 deficit after the first leg.

Feyennord, second only to AZ-67 Alkmaar in the Dutch League, will not fear their 3-2 deficit against Slavia Solia of Bulgaria. A 6-0 weekend victory must leave Feyenoord confident in a match which will be shorn of these leading players. Five of them

three leading players—two of them Bulgarians—banned for earlier

Feyenoord hope that their inter-national detender, Wijnsteker, will curb Tsetkov, who scored revice in Sofia, but a thigh injury may keen the Dutch team's Icelandic striker. Petur-son, out of the match.

In the Uefa Cup AZ'67 take a modest 2—0 lead across the Belgian border for their match with

Lokeren. The Belgians pin their

hopes on their international mid-field player. Verheyen, who is fit again, and the Dane Larsen, back from suspension.

will still be without their

to rely.

on defence

## Wasteful Wolves fluff a marvellous opportunity

German champions, will be fight-Wolverbampton Wan

position Wolverhampton Vanderers last night lost their rearranged game at St Andrew's us well as the opportunity of purting more space between them and the teams at the bottom of the first division.

Had Wolves finished with anything approaching precision they would comfortably have ended their appalling record of not baving won away from home in any competition for almost a year. As it was Bill Nicholson, the representative of Tottenham Hot-spur, the team Wolves meet in the FA Cup semi-final round on April 11, and the rest of us watched in disbelief as Birmingham won a game in which they could have received a hiding.

From as early as the initial minute it became obvious that Walves had decided that the depressing sequence had gone on centre back Radimec returns after mapension. The Czechoslovaks hold second place in their league with 27 points from 19 marches and they warmed up for the West Germáns with a 4–0 win over Lokomotiva Kosice. Neither side has announced a team for tonlight's match which will be played before a capacity crowd of 20,000, but few changes are expected.

Red. Star Belgrade drew their long enough. Collecting, a long throw by Parkin, Richards shot against the legs of Wealands, Dennis clearing the rebound for a corner. Gray then dellberated too long, after rounding the goal-keeper in Wolves's next raid and Gallagher was able to clear. An upright kept out the next shot from Richards, Clarke was dealed

Birmingham 1 Wolverhampton 6
With proflicacy that they can ill
afford in their still precarious
position Wolverhampton Wadesired Wolverhampton Wadesired Wolverhampton Wasenior game for three months, advanced to try his luck.

Since the aimost endless category of near things originated from Birmingham's benevolence and not any scintillating attacking performance by Wolves, the game as a special was scarcely as a spectacle was scarcely enlivened. Birmingham had some excuse. Circumstances that pre-vented them from playing for 17

emerged as the hero a fortnight ago when Newport snatched a 2—2 draw, and that means they can drw 0—0 or 1—1 today and still reach the last four. days and they seemed rusty.

Not even Worthington had injected much of his usual improvization until he first served nodce ration until he first served nodice that Birmingham might win the game. He produced a shot that Bradsliaw did well to parry and Evans's attempt to score from the rebound was thwarted by Berry at the painful expense of a collision with a post. Five minutes lare, in the seveny-fifth minute, Worthington got the touch that mattered after Gallagher had laid Ainscow's fierce cross back for Broadhurst. Jena have several injuries and two players suspended. Their manager, Hans Meyer, says: "Newport are holding all the trumps." Len Ashurst, the Newport manager, warns that the home side will need all the application and commitment that characterized the first leg performance. in 1967-63, when Cardiff City, of the second division, lost on agreto drive towards goal. gate to Hamburg. gate to Hamburg.

Newport were threatened with bankruptcy only three years ago when Mr Ashurst joined them. Tonight, they expect a £25,000 profit, and will be hoping to add to the 10 European goals they have scored on their own pitch this season, against Crusaders, of Ireland, and Norwegians, Hangar.

to drive towards goal.

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Notts:

#### Exhausted before they start

Thilisi, Soviet Union, March 17.—West Ham United finally arrived in Thilisi today after an exhausting 26-hour Journey that cast a shadow over their already remote chances of Cup Winners' Cup success tomorrow. West Ham's manager John Lyall

and his squad of 16 were snow-bound by howling blizzards at a Moscow airport overnight and flew into the Georgian capital 18 hours behind schedule. They fur-ther complained of excessive red tape at the Moscow airport and

said they had to carry their own baggage for two hours before ing taken to an hotel just after midright.

Before taking the squad out for their pre-match training in Tullisi tonight. Mr Lyali said: "We are mentally exhausted, absolutely exhausted. What do you expect after 25 hours of that?" West Ham are trailing 4-1 from the quarter-final first leg against Dittamo Tbilisi and will need to pull off a sensational win if they are to reach the last four.

#### Yesterday's results

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Rugby League EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Walco Logiand (Hull KR)

## Gooch and Gower do their best to postpone the inevitable

From John Woodcock Cricker Correspondent

Bridgetown, March 17 What an irony! When England looked to have got the measure, albeit briefly, of the West Indian fast bowlers, Vivian Richards came on here this evening purveying seemingly triffing little off breaks and ended their hopes of making a fight of the third Test match. He removed Gower first, after he and Gooth had added 120, and then Buncher; so, when the day ended with England 166 for five, there was nothing much left for tomorrow. England's target, for what it matters, is 523. What an Irony ! When England Slightly the worse for a wearing Football League Cup Final against West Ham United on Saturday, Liverpool travelled east today glad

Bulgarian champions buckled under pressure should be more than enough, though there are good reasons for caution. for what it matters, 18 343.

Chive Lloyd settled for a functione declaration, after a furious hurst of West Indian strokeplay, and England lost their first two wickers in Holding's opening over. The contrast between the end of the West Indian innings and the start of England's was devastating: where Richards and Lloyd had toyed with much of the English bowling, Boycott and Gatting were removed off successive balls and with oply two runs on the inan chough, Indugal toere are good reasons for caution.

Earlier this season Nottingham Forest, holders of the tropby-came here and lost 1—0 but thought they would recover at home. They also lost 1—0 at the City Ground, however, and indeed CSKA did not contede a goal in the compatition until they came up against Liverpool. Any over-confidence should also be tempered by the memory of another journey to the east last season, when Liverpool lost 3—0 to Dinamo in Thiss, where tomorrow West Ham have their sympathy and good wishes.

Saturday's League Cop final left Daighish, McDermott and Hansen augusing a few bruises, but with Johnson, who missed Wembley with a temperature, hoping to be available, the outcome tomorrow ought not to be a matter of debate, and with only two runs on the board.

What had seemed to be and What had seemed to be and was—a slower, easier pitch than enriller in the match came to life, due of course to the vastly different quality of the bowling. The hall which accounted for Boycott, Holding's fifth, flew at him; the next, which bowled Gatting, kept low. Boycott's desperate attempt at a parry cocked gently into the suffer.

gully.

As Gatting walked out, his leg stomp at a drunken angle, it seemed that the match might be over today. But Gower was given a life when he was 17, Greenidge and Richards leaving a stip catch to each other, as well as the benefit of the doubt in several close calls for leg before. With Gooch looking encouragingly solid hopes revived. At the Gower and Gooch had taken the score to 94 for two and afterwards they were going along happily enough when Richards struck.

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Richards struck.

It was to bowl at the left-handed Gower, out of the rough of the bowlers' footmarks, that Richards was brought on and this was what he was doing when he took the first of his wickets.

Against the fast bowlers both Gooch and Gower had played some fine strokes: of the 120 they added together 70 came in boundaries, mostly off the middle of the hat and as many in front of the wicket as behind it. Now, trying in that casual way of his to run Richards down to third to run Richards down to third man Gower chopped the ball into his stumps.

Butcher batted for half an hour, determined to flight it out though to defend is not his natural game. He has had a lovely reception from his fellow countrymen, none nicer than from Haynes when he got to the wicket in the first innings. Less friendly was the way the ball from Richards, which had him leg before on the back foot this evening, shot straight along the ground. That was 134 for four with nearly an hour left. When Botham was caught at first sip off Roberts, He, Boycott, Gatting and Butcher, four of the first six in the order, liad scored four rous between them. Gooth continued until the end, no longer a symbol of hope but at least setting the others an example. Willey was with him as the stadows crossed the ground and the fast bowlers were back in complete courrol, even moving the ball about more than they had done when it was new. Butcher batted for half an hour,

when it was new.

imbalance of it as an inevitability; although Lloyd and Richards were doing much as they pleased, it was 35 minutes before he made his one and only bowling change. By then, with England in disarray, even West Indians in the crowd were chanting "We want Jackman". On Sunday Jackman as England's best and most economical bowler. Today another \$7 runs had been scored in 18 overs before he was called upon. When he was, Richards tore into him with ever greater vigour than he had form into Dilley.

Botham bowled with two long

Botham bowled with two long legs for Lloyd and with three men on the leg boundary, two behind square and one only just in front, for Richards—on 2 small ground and against two of the finest bookers in the world. Boycott stood, wherever he happened to

It is not often, mercifully, that. England have a worse morning. Botham seemed to see the awful imbalance of it as an inevitability:

be, with his arms folded, not exactly shaking his head but doing the next best thing.

the next best thing.

The Englishman to get the most out of the morning's play was probably Dilley, who will have learnt from the experience. Gradually he came to terms with what was required in the way of where and how to bowl to two great players in full cry. Half an hour before lunch Botham picked on the only two wickets an hour before lunch Botham picked up the only two wickets to fall, both in the same over. Lloyd, with his eye on a second hundred in the match, was given out leg before to his obvious surprise (he departed rubbing the inside of his thigh) and Roberts was very well caught by Banstow, diving to his right into an area devoid of slips.

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It was an astonishing innings by Richards, chanceless except for a fierce return catch to Botham when he was 116, yet culminat-ing in a display of improvized ferocity.

Ferrocity.

WEST INDIES: First lumings. 265
(C. H. Lloyd 100, H. A. Gemas 58:

1. T. Botham 4 for 77)

Second Innings
C. G. Greenidge 1-b-W, b Dilley
D. L. Hayner, 1-b-W, b Rotham

1. T. Botham 4 for 100

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D. A. Murray, not out ... Extras (b 3, 1-b 7) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-57, 3-71, 4-130, 5-212, 6-385, 7-385. 80WLING: Dilley. 25—3—111—1; 50ham, 23—5—102—3; inchman. 25—5—76—2; Emburey. 24—7—57— 0; Willey, 6—0—23—0.

ENGLAND: First Innings, (C. E. N. Croft & for 39).
Second Innings
G. Beycott, c Carner, b Holding
G. A. Goeck, net sut.
M. W. Gatting, b Holding
R. O. Butcher, - Fichards
R. O. Butcher, - Lloyd, b Roberts
F. Wiley, not out.
Extras (b 1, 1-b 3, m-b 3)

Total (for 5 whis) ... 166 8. D. L. Sairetow J. E. Simburey, R. D. Jackmar and G. R. Dilley to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2. 2-2. 3-122, 4-134, 5-139. BOWLING (to deta): Roberts, 14—3—37—1; Halding, 17—3—35—2; Crohi, 12—0—50—0; Garrer, 7—1—25—0; Richards, 13—3—18—2; Umpires: D. Archer and D. Sang Han,

# Vengsarkar and Patil keep hopes

Auckland. March 17.—An unbroken fifth wicket stand of 54 between Vengsarkar and Patil kept India's hopes alive in the third and final Test match against New Zealand bere today. India, who were 128 behind on the first innings after dismissing the home side for 365, were 197 for four at the close of the fourth day today. The touring ream's main hope is that their slow bowlers find the pitch as helpful as it was for the New Zealand off spinner, Bracewell. He took two for 31 from 32 overs and helped to reduce India to 93 for three before Vengsarkar, in stands with Viswanath and Patil, tilted the balance.

wanath and Patil, tilted the balance.
Viswanath, who totalled 18 in his four previous Test innings, hit 46 before being run out when he was called for a sharp single. He and Vengsarkar added 50 for the fourth wicket. The revival was sustained by Paril, who batted aggressively for an unbeaten 36. Vengsarkar continued to play a passive role and was 20 not out at the end of the day when India led by 69.

India quickly terminated New Zealand's Innings when they resumed at 357 for eight. The left arm spinner, 1. Shastri, dismissed Cairus and Bracewell after only une were added. Shastri finished with five for 125 and brought he haul in the series to 13 wickets

B. L. Cairna 3 for 37.

Second Innings

S. M. Gavaskar, c Wright, b
Bracowell
C. Chauhun, g Cairns, b Bracowell
T. Erlaivosan, c Wright, b Cairns, 17
G. R. Piswanath, run out
D. Vengsarkar, not out
S. Phill, not out
Eviras (b 21, 1-b 5, rb 10) 36 R. Shastri, S. M. R. Kirmani, K. Dec, S. Yadav, D. R. Doshi to bet,

#### Rugby Union

#### Ireland's tour to S Africa

David Irwin, the Ireland centre, pulled out of the tour of South Africa yesterday. Irwin, a fifth year medical student at Queen's University, said the tour classed with his examinations and that it would be impossible for him to rearrange -them.

Donal Canniffe, the Landsdowne scrum half, who was to have been an Irish replacement against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday has withdrawn. He is replaced by Barry O'Connor (Palmerston).

#### Half strength

The England selectors have named a party of 45 players for the under-23 training weekend at Bisham Abbey on March 27 to 29. The party is particularly strong at half-back

ENGLAND U-23 (Imining party):
Full backs: N. Sutinger, P. Ford, S.
Lowden, Tarce-quarters: D. Trick, S.
Smith, A. Switt, C. Pitts, S., Moriart;
N. Bagge, N. McDowoll, B. Barier, R.
Pellow, R. Barker, R. Bodenham, T. Pellow, R. Barker, R. Bodenham, T. Buttimore, Half-backs: M. Perry, P. Williams, J. Ager, N. Meirille, I. Peck, N. Youngs, Props: M. Proedy, T. Harris, C. Hocking, S. Ashmead, P. Cartis, S. Hendoraon, Hookers; M. Howe, M. Diron, M. Dufiellin, Locks; C. Butcher, N. Roset, S. Sull, Tombers, Roset, B. Sull, Thinkers, R. Halleburth, S. Thouley, C. Marther, No. 8s; J. Mackin, M. Tengue, S. Hughes.

## Irwin opts out of | Slemen has even more goals to achieve

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Before the start of the Calcutta
Cup match last month, a former
Scottish international of much
distinction, who will be relieved
to remain nameless, expressed the
view that Mike Slemen was somewhat over the hill. The England
and British Lions wing then
caused him to reconsider that verdict by scoring one-memorable

dict by scoring one memorable try himself, setting up another for How Davies with a remark-able sense of vision, and putting the stamp of a world class player on everything he did. on everything he did.

Against France on Saturday, slemen will be winning his twenty-fourth consecutive cap, four more than Peter Jackson, the Coventry genius, and one fewer than C. N. Lowe, of Blackheath, between 1913 and 1923. Only one England wing, Peter Squires, of Harrogate and Yorkshire, thas won more caps (29) for his country. The total of David Duckham, the most capped of England backs with 36, includes 14 marches at centre.

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It seems probable that England's
players will be offered full caps
for the two internationals in for the two internationals in Argentina in May and June, but Slemen will not be playing. He has decided that he needs a rest after two summers away from home. Slemen feels he owes a debt to the

school where he teaches, Merchant Taylors', Crosby. "And", he

adds, "I owe some time to my wife, and two young children." Maurice Colclough will be another absentee from the tour, and Peter Wheeler, who wins his twenty-eighth cap on Saturday, has still to make up his mind.

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Siemen, who is 29, is inclined to think that the try he scored against Scotland, his sixth for England, was the most substying of them all. "It was nice", he reflects, "to bave been involved twice in one flowing movement on both sides of the pitch". The rry illustrated Slemen's instinct for keeping himself in the game, and not standing waiting in the wings for something to happen "Silken running and a subtle change of pace are things the rugby player is born with, but the sense of involvement which Slemen brings may spring from a versatile experience in his earlier days. Between 11 and 17, he played regularly as a scrum half at St Edward's School, Liverpool. In his last year there, he achieved the feat of appearing in every position behind the scrummage except the wing. "Then I had a year with the

Liverpool club at fly half", he recalls. "I was only the third choice scrom half, so I knew which side my bread was burtered.

After that, I went to St Luke's, where there was a surplus of fly halves, including Neil Bennett. So, I got in on the wing, and I've be leading his country for it seventhen time. His thirdeth can describe the will put him level with refic Evaluation and seventh in the all-time En land list, those alread of him bein halves, including Neil Bennett. So, I got in on the wing, and I've

since."

A memory of Slemen dropping goals from midfield leads me to wonder whether he is a stand-off manqué. "Well, yes, in a way", he concedes. "You see more of the ball in that position. But it's a specialist place, and I've no ambitions to perform there at semior level."

"He thinks England's task na Saturday will be very difficult.

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be leading his country for the seventeenth time. His thirtieth cap will put him level with Eric Evens and seventh in the all-time England list, those sheed of him being, Neary (43), Pullin (42), Duckham (36), Rogers (34), W. W. (Lord)

#### Rowing

#### **Emanuel come from behind**

By Jim Railton Emanuel took their elevents Schools Head of the River title yesterday in the thirty-fifth race on the Tideway. Emanuel, starting back in eleventh place, scythed through the field and their knowledge of their home waters paid dividends over more faucied rivals. The holders, Shrewsbury, took time to find their stride and their coxswalu was a little unsure of the best tidal route home.

Shrewsbury and Emanuel were the two eights to catch the eye and Emanuel, rating high, came home by just four tenths of a second. The other co-favourtes, St Edward's and Radley, finished third and fourth respectively. St Edward's found some compensation in taking three of the cights pennants.

Other schools to make start By Jim Railton

pennants. Other schools to make giant strides to reach the top 20 were Shiplake, who jumped up from fifty-righth to tenth position, and

Radley C. who moved up 40 places. John Mason School, Abingdon, were clear winners over St Edward's to take the fours head in a time faster than 100 of the eights competing. RESULTS: 1. Emanuel Tuln 20.3sec.
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Modern pentathlon

#### British girls off to America By Michael Coleman

By Michael Coleman

Amazons they may be, but the gaggle of girls assembled by the Modern Pentathion Association in the Feachurch Street offices of the Norwich Union Insurance yesterday looked no more than that, sixth formers good for a laugh, though on their best behaviour. Four were wearing Stars and Stripes badges in their blazer lapels, for they head for San Antonio, Texas, today to take part lid the Americans' alternative to the Moscow Olympics.

From the relaxed manner of Wendy Norman, aged 16. from Guildford, Janet Savage, 18, from Tewkesbury, Teresa Purton, 19, from Forest Hill, and Kathy Tayler, 21, from Reading, you would never guess what a battle the next nine days will be—not only with the Americans but also

Crystal Palace from August 13 in 22. Entries so far include the United States, France. West Ger-many, Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Canada, Austria and China. The British have been pressing for some time for a world tide to be set up, but it has landed to their laps as the nation's economy is nearly on its last legs and sponsors' purse strings are and sponsors' purse strings are tightening. Norwich Union, who already sponsor show jumping, and table tennis, have now come forward and are on the way to becoming pentarbletes themselves.

The four going to San Antonio face exams in June and are thus unavailable for various other international execut. Left behind; are such notables as Sarah Parker, from Surrey, anyious about her from Surrey, anxious about her 15-year-old horse Birkdale, who only with the Americans but also is year-old horse Birkitale, who among themselves. What is at stake is selection for the British team to take part in the first liner, from Andorer, who is an example of the ampionships at Army corporal PTI and married property.

#### Miss Wright the force behind top pairing

Ey John Hennessy Golf Correspondent

Two young Scots, Gillian Stewart and Pamela Wright, selzed a two-stroke lead on the first day of the Avia Watches women's foursomes tournament women's foursomes tournament over the Berkshire Golf Club's Blue course yesterday. They had an opening round of 75, two fewer than Angela Uzielli and Wilmer Aitken and three fewer than Pamela Benka and Shirley Sutton Sutton.

cast. Miss Stewart, at 22, is a Curtis Cup player, Miss Wright the gifted 16-year-old daughter of a gifted mother, formerly Janette Robertson, Miss Altken yet another stories wound See Moother promising young Scot, Mrs. Uzielli a dedicated gulfer masquerading as a joker, and Mrs Benka and Mrs Sutton two Jokers masquecading, for part of yester-day, as serious golfers.

For all her youth Miss Wright was the motive force behind yesterday's top pairing. She telephoned her more illustrious partner to ask " if I'm not being ton hig headed" whether Miss Stewart could play with her this week. It was their first outing together and they doveralled splendidly.

splendidly.

Miss Wright, according to her partner, "is a little thar already", with her compact solld swing and tight short game, They dropped two shots to par going, out and recovered two coming home as a result of superb home as a result of superb section and then a three.

The greens were all that could be expected so early in the season to form and this to the superb section and then a three.

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but they still yielded a rich harvest, particularly from Mrs.
Uzielli and her partner. Three times in the first four boles they needed three putts, on one occasion two from within a foot.

A bunker shot by Miss Aitken nestled within an inch or two of the ninth hole and thereafter they played model par golf. They im-proved on that at the 16th, where a chip to 8ft by Mrs Uzielli and a good putt by Miss Altken stole back a stroke. They were out in 41, five over par, and back in 36, one under.

Mrs Benka, once better known as Miss Tredinnick, played what she called a "welrd" round with Mrs Sutton, once better known as Miss Ward, and still better known

Miss Ward, and still better known as Angela. Bonnallack's sister. Their report was hilarious. They started 4, 7, 6 and finished 6, 5, 5, 5, 5. 5. During the intervening holes they completely lost their form. Mrs Benka began to mishlt her approach shot near the flag and Mrs Sutton began nervelessly to the first home who nutrs. In other wards. they had three successive birdies from the fourth, and at the next Mr Sutton so comprehensively fluffed a bunker shot that Airs



Leading the way: Gillian Stewart playing an approach shot to the ninth green, watched by her partner, Pamela Wright.

#### Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

#UROPEAN CUP: Outer-final round, second leg: Manch Ostrava value round; second leg: Character final round; second leg: Sochaux value fina SCOTTISM PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic V Partick Thistic: Hangers & Dundoc United. SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Dunder v Dunfermine Athletic Faikirk s Modurwell; Hibernian v St Johnstones SCOTTISM SECOND DIVISION: \*: ow-dendeath v Clyde: Montrase v Meadow-bank: Stephousenium v Brechin: City.

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UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: First: Loughprough v Shellield (Nathingham Unscraft): 301.
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CLUB MATCHES: Bridewater and Albien w Aton and Somerical Police: Crook Kees a Newbilder of Gar Glud-crater w Chellenham (7.0). Lydney w Marchen Pontrool w South Water Police (7.0). Swansca w Libry Vale

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COUNTY MATCH: Lincolnahire V Derbyshire (Lincoln. 4.0).

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# Sea Pigeon acclaimed the horse for a kingdom

Sea Pigeon still reighs supreme at Cheltenham. No King coming home to claim his kingdom can home to claim of the changed so locally ever have been cheered so loudly as was the Champion hurdler in the sunlit amphtheatre at Chelrenham vesterday.

"He's magic". John Francome, his jockey, said afterwards. There his jockey, said afterwards. There was more than a touch of magic in Francome's handling of Sea Pigeon. "I'm so sorry for Jongo O'Neill". Francome said, but no man alive could have bettered the way in which he rode Sea Pigeon. Meladon had made the running, closely attended by Pollardstown. The final pattern of the race took shape at the third flight from home as Pollardstown overtook his pacemaker and jumped to the front. Racing to the last hurdle there were four horses in line abreast. Pollardstown. Darling Run and the stable companions. Sea Pigeon on a tight rein to prevent this remarkable affects. believably, Francome still had Sea Pigeon on a tight rein to prevent this remarkable golding from making his run too soon.

As they landed on the flat the Irish horse, Daring Run, took a narrow advantage. But Francome was citting as still as a mouse on Sea Pigeon. Halfway up the run-in—and no sooner—the fayourite was asked for his final effort. Quickening as only a great horse can, Sea Pigeon produced an unanswerable burst of finishing speed to win by one and a balf lengths. Pollardstown fought back like a nger to take second place by a neck from Daring Run.

most disappointing performance of the race was that of Heighlin, who was beaten a long way from home.

Pride was the chief emotion shown by all the principals afterwards. Pride was uppermost in Francome's face as he rode Sea Pigeon back in priumph to the unsadding coclosure. Peter Easterby rould hardly hide his feelings, though he marganed though he managed to conceal them to an extent as he talked to

by a neck from Daring Run. Slaney idol finished fourth. The

the press.

"He's as good as ever. Sea
Pigeou's work at home has been
unbelievable. In his...last gallop he left Starfen for dead. We're now on target for the Welsh and Scottish Champion hurdles. Then we'll my for a second Ebur. And we'll be back dere for the treble next year."

Tuloch said. "It was proper form and we weren't disgraced at But Easterby. a shrewd and all. I only wish that they still

Racing Correspondent

Anaglogs Daughter, the brilliant

Irish mare who ran away with the Arkle Chalenge Trophy a year ago and was widely considered to be one of the bankers of the week in the Queen Mother Champion

Steeplechase at Cheltenham this

afternoon, may not be able to take

Her name a among the declared

runners, but she was lame on hinday evening after treading on

I flint or a piece of glass while

at exercise earlier in the day. She was still lame and discharging pus

from that wound yesterday.

Her coupexhus have not abau-

doned hope of running her in the

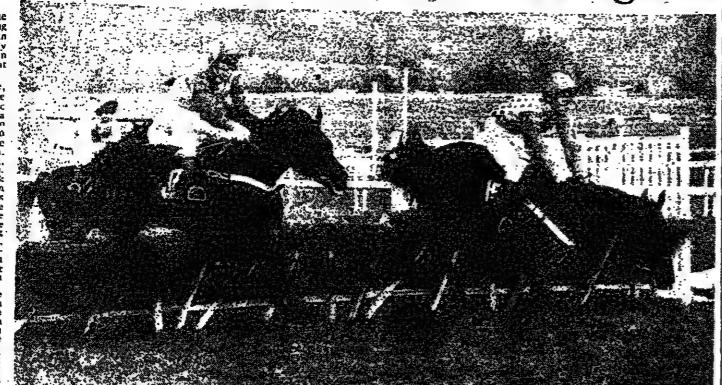
target all season. They will have her shoot this morning hefore making a final decision. If she does take part, missing only one day's exercise should not be prough to ruin her charge. But

enough to ruin her chance. But the scene around the unsaddling enclosure will be unballevable, even by irist standards, if

Cheltenham programme

[Televison (BBC 2): 2.15, 2.50, 3.30 and 4.5 races]

2.15 SUN ALLIANCE HURDLE (Novices : £14,168 : 21m)



Sea Pigeon (right) takes the final flight before winning the Champion Hurdle in a storming finish.

humorous Yorkshireman, has long ago proved that actions, speak hunder than words. See Pigeon has now won 21 races under Naponal Hunt rules, collecting a total of £130,394.60 in the process. He is the higgest prize money winner in the instory of jumping, his total surpossing the previous records held by Night Nurse, Red Rum and Comedy of Errors. He also won 196,000 on the flat. for Pat Muldoon, his owner. doon, his owner.

The sporting nature of the winter game has never been better demonstrated than by the manner in which the connexions of Pollardstown accepted defeat.
The faces of all four joint owners were on fire with excitement afterwards.

'That was a real race?', Bill

ichiere Much trouble afoot for Anaglogs Daughter

head. A few minutes earlier, her rivals had seen only her tail as

she darted from fence to fence, she darted trom tence to terris-jumping superbly. Not surpris-logly her victory was one of the most memorable of the meeting

and, if she is none the worse for her setback, she should be very hard to catch again.

if she caung run Stopped could take advantage of her absence, particularly as last year's easy winner, Chiarullah, has not shown himself to be in the same

sort of form recently. Michael Dickinson and Fulke Walwyn; the

Whether Anagings Daughter runs or not, the Irish are likely to have plemy to shout about earlier in the day as the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle reaches its climan, because both Dunaree

and Sean Ogue have run well enough in Ireland recently to sug-gest that they will arract a buge following. Duraree wan three races in a row before running so

respectively, think

trainers of Rathcorman

Dramarist.

iUN ALLIANCE HURDLE (Novices: £14,168: 4;m;
21034 Bec's Delight: Wrs R. Downty: M. Cunnigham: 7-11-8—
11332 Bundree: (C Cronin: A. Redmond, 6-12-8: T. Quinn.
2114 Easy Felia (C.D) (David Coberl Editoria; 1-13-8). Smitt Eccles.
20220 Blon Mavourneen: P. McKey: Teirburn, 6-11-8 R Barry
11101 Grye Chance (C1: (Mrs M. Curtis: F. Rimeli: 6-11-8
1-101 S. Morsheed

October Commerce (C) (Mrs M., Gurtis). F. Rimell. 6-11-8

Morshead Congression - Was D. Black. Mrs. D. Black. 6-11-8

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Carlos Grand (M. O'Crad). M. Naughten, 6-1-7 C. H. Davies

Carlos Grand (M. Crad). M. Maccanala. M. Michell

Corrib Ranger (M. O'Mailey). P. Pendergast, Jr. S-11-7

McGennola. P. Kelleway, 5-11-7

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3'30:CIRA. GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL (Handicap: £9,294: 3m

42011 Anaglogs Daughter (CD) (A. Durkan), W. Durkan, 8-12-0

2-1 Inarco, 4-1 Scan Ugue 6-1 Gaye Chance, 7-1 Easy Fells, 8-1 Passing Parade: 4-1 Danegal Prince, Corrib Ranger, 16-1 piners.

2.50 QEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (£20,852 : 2m)

had to climb the hill past the stands. Then it would have been a thorough test of stamina." Stan Mellor said that Pollardstown would now try to repeat last year's victory in the Templegate burdle at Liverpool.

It was a magnificent afternoon's racing in ever way. That exuberant Irishman, Mick O'Toole, started ponters off on a high note when Niall Madden persuaded the 2-1 lavourite, Hartsfield, to produce a fine turn of foot in the closing stages of the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices hurdle. O'Toole has now saddled a winner at each of the last seven festival meetings. ner at each of the last seven festival meetings.

Easterby started the Yorkshire ball rolling when Clayside allied to win the Arkle Challenge Trophy. A bad blunder at the fourth fence from home had vir-tually knocked Clayside out of

every justification, but I will give Easy Fella one more chance. The way his challenge at Newburg-earlier this month petered out half-

earter this month petered out balf-way up the straight indicated that either something was wrong with him physically or he did not stay three miles. As his trainer, Nicky Henderson, could find no fault with his health, he should

be in his element again today racing over this shorter trip. The Sun Alliance Steeplechase looks like a match between Easter Eet and Wagward Lad although

Eel and Wayward Lad although the countexions of Captain John, Corbiere, Lesley Ann and Two Swallows will disagree. Having seen Easter Eel win all his races this season I have no intention of deserting him even though Michael Dickinson is full of confidence in Wayward Lad's ability to cause an upset.

Easter Eel has jumped around Cheltenham successfully once already this season, whereas Wayward Lad has not, and he has.

beaten a horse of the class of Dramatist. In addition, he will be ridden by John Francome, who

4.5 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE (£19,559: 3m)

an upset,

overcome her problems.

A year ago after this remarkable mate lad easily won the

Arkie Trophy, he only glimpse the likely favourite, and with the fares, Dickinson should leave the heavy outches.

contention. But he was back on terms at the next jump and had gone clear with the race in the bag as the field turned for home. Winter had his second success of the afternoon and Francom his third when Friendly Alliance The third Yorkshire victory of The third Yorkshire victory of the afternoon came when Waggoners Walk took advantage of the second just fence fall of 
Indecision to win the Kim Muir 
Challenge Cup by 34 lengths for 
Caroline Mason. The rest of the 
day belonged to Francome and 
Fred Winter.

That enignatic character Derring 
Rose turned the Waterford Crystal 
into a procession, sprinting up the 
final hill to beat Cehtic Isle by 30 
lengths. "He's a bit of a character aff right". Winter said. " but 
his bomework has been much better lately and he only keeps us 
waiting for five or 10 minutes 
nowadays before he consents to 
go on the gallops instead of haif 
an hour." came home 13 lengths clear of Pine Brook in the Cheltenham Grand Annual Steeplechase. Fran-come, the man that hardened procome. the man that hardened pro-fessionals are now acclaiming as the greatest jockey they have ever seen, is a 4-9 chance with Coral to win his third jockey's rile. With the ground at Cheltenham now officially described as soft with heavy panches, Ladbrokes have promoted Silver Buck to 5--1 joint favourite with Jack of Trumps for tomorrow's Tote Gold Cup. Other leading prices are: 6-1, Little Owl: 8-1, Night Nurse; and 9-1, Royal Bond.

Political Pop is a good jumper

Political Pop is a good jumper for a novice and, with only 10st on his back, a danger surely to all. Haif an hour earlier his stable companion, Compton Lad, should be capable of staying four miles in the National Hunt Steeplechase better than most of his opponents as he is by an Ascot Gold Cup winner, Precipice-Wood, and out of Snowdra Queen, who was herself a good hunter claser.

The Coral Colden Murdio Snet

The Coral Golden Hurdle final

The Coral Golden Hurdle final I am content to leave to Willie I am content to leave to Willie I willies and Jim Wilson for the third time in as many years. Willie Wumpkins is not blessed with the best of feet, which is why he must have heavy ground to be seen at his best. And that is what he will get this afternoon even after another drying day yesterday.

yesterday.

UN ALLIANCE CHASE (£19,559:3m)

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4.40 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Amateur

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23112 Sight Mingle (C) (H. Hackins), J. Gifford, 10-12-7
A. J. Wilson
020310 Colonial Lad (Dule of Alburquerque), F. Winter, 8-12-4
Marquess de Cordor
p300u0 Double Crossing (Mrs. M. O'Toole), M. O'Toole, 8-12-4
T. Walsh

0-064 Ballywell M. Clarker, M. Oliver, 6-12-0, Walsh p23-003 Bursedo IJ. Bradburner, Mrs R. H. Bradburne, 9-12-0, J. Bradburne papers Charille 1 Mrs G. Trietline, C. Trietline, 7-12-0, M. Oliver, G. Trietline, T. Trietline, 7-12-0, M. Oliver, G. Trietline, T. Trietline, T.

p-sproo Brave Charile 1 Mrd C. Trietline; C. Trietline; 7-12-0 a0000-4 Caboodie 1 Mulhern: Mulhern: B-12-0 ... M. Arthurs 900-000 Creapenae; 1 Bird III., Mrs J. Moore, 7-12-0 ... J. Fowler 960-3 Feature; 1 Currier: N. Henderson, 7-12-0 ... J. Fowler 22:4433 Midnight Panic: M. Sproy: P. Tory, 8-13-0 ... J. Fowler 960-3 Midnight Panic: M. Sproy: P. Tory, 8-13-0 ... J. Febber 960-4400. Peker II. Rainford: Rainford: 14-12-0 ... M. Febber 964-964. R. March 964-964. The Mrs E. O'Grady! E. O'Grady! E. O'Grady: 7-12-0 ... F. Codd 93352- Trichromatic: R. Johnson: Johnson: 9-12-0 ... D. Metalis 204-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Milliamston: Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 M. Betters 964-964. Mrs Eston: 7-12-0 Mrs Eston:

7-2 Compton Lad. 5-1 Right Mingle. Tam. 8-1 Lucky Vane. Colonial Lad. 12-1 Double Crossing, 14-1 Williamson. Crespinian, 16-1 Handy Mark, Festure. 26-1 others.

5.15 MILDMAY OF FLETE CHALLENGE CUP CHASE

(Handicap : £6,897 : 21m)

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(Handicap: £6,897: 21m1)

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11142 Henry Kissinger (D) | J. Mansworth | D. Gardolfo |
11143 Henry Kissinger (CD) | Mrs G. Bielby | Mrs J. Pitmel |
12214 Seeks (D) | Mrs M. Haggas | M. Dickinson | 10-11-4 B. Smart |
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170-10-6 T. Carnot |
170-10-6 T. Carnot |
170-11-7 B. Smart |
170-10-7 T. D. Nicholson |
170-11-7 B. Smart |
170-10-7 B. Smart |
170-11-7 B. Smart |
170-10-7 B. Smart |

OFFICIAL BUMA (Colored) Sun Tem plagate Hurdle, Liverpool, Rathurse Atlantic Bridge, Sheer Silk.

## Silent Valley misses course with at least one bite of the cherry or perhaps two, because even one so smart as Henry Kissinger will find the task of giving 19to to his runner, Poli-tical Pop, too great in the Mild-may of Flete Challenge Cop.

the Gold Cup

Silent Valley, the intended partner of Peter Scudamore in comorrow's Cheltenham Gold Cup. has cracked his off-fore cannon bone, and the eight-year-old Northumbrian-based gelding's future is in the balance. furne is in the balance.

The accident happened when Silent Valley had his final workout on Monday on the gallops at Westerbope, near Newcastle. His trainer, Ian Jordan, sald:

"The horse pulled up sound but walked away feelingly, so we had him examined by a portable X-ray He was immediately sen up to the Edinburgh Veterinary College, where further X-rays confirmed the damage to bis off-fore leg.

"He is having an operation in which he will have screws or ping insertact into the leg, and we will have to wait and see whether he can race again. It's a tragedy "Jordon added,

the Fulbam side.

Cheltenham results

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Spinning Saint, b 8, by 511 in the Corner—Rost in The San (Mrs H. Houtbrooks), 5-11-8

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M. K. Essterby, at Great Habdon. Si.

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Heer-Albe 18, Formby, 6-12-0
P. Blackgr (6-1) 2.

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Kertina (Mrs H, Doyle), 6-12-0
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Heighlin, 15-C Celvic
14th, 16-1 Birds Ness, 25-1 Hasworth
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Easierby, at Great Habdon, 1, I. nk.

4.5 (4.8) WATERFORD CRYSTAL

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against tough Philadelphian

Minter rewrites his own story

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Alan Minter, Britain's former-world middleweight champion, can breathe a little easier now. Some of the heaviness that was pressing down on his chest after his humilizing defeat at the hands-of Marvin Hagler was lifted last right when he returned to Wembley Arena, the scene of his calamitious world title defence last September, and beat Bernie Singletary, a tough Philadelphian, by the length of a street. The referee measured it 100 points to 95½. Alan Minter, Britain's former Whereas Singletary had done the stalking up to the third, there was a dramatic switch-round and from then on it was himter who was dancing and labbing, In the fourth he opened up with pimpoint accuracy with both hands that broke the American's resolve. Singletary's blows, which had earlier had a whiplash quality, now started to fly ponderously through—the—air—and Minter—hadno difficulty picking him off, Singletary was a ready made

From th third round Minter took target for him as he came in with his head forward, looking for openings, it seemed all over for the American by the fourth as Minter crashed through what little defence he could offer but, to his credit, he weathered the assault when the chants of the crowd to finish him off were the loudest.

From the third round Minter took charge, and he and his followers marched down the street to chants of "Minter, Minter"; but everything is still not right with his world, though it is no more like the end of the world it was. With a couple more outings like this he should be able to face it and Hagler with that fierce determination of his.

Minter looked a bit subdued and cold at the start and as Singletary worked to the body and switched to the head in the first two rounds, Minter was in trouble twice as stunning rights in the jaw shifted his gumshield. With Singletary hurting Minter to the head there were moments when it looked that he would suffer another disastrous defeat; but Singletary was not able to thand those blows often enough to the top of the head—for he is essentially a body puncher—to test Minter's eyes.

So the question mark still remains, Minter wanted to look away from the punches in the first two rounds as the Philadelphian threw them from both sides of the Briton's head. Obviously Minter

straight from the shoulder, Single-tary's knees sagged and he knew he had been hit.

Whereas Singletary had done the

Singletary was a ready made target for him as he came in with his head forward, looking for openings. It seemed all over for the American his the formal for the formal formal formal formal for the formal f

Minter punished Singletary severely in the fifth and sixth, but then, as the American still refused to go down, Minter desided to with some combinations, which against a fitter man be would not have had a chance to try. John L. Gardner, Britain's European heavyweight champion, gained the strangest victory of his career when he knocked out. Osvaldo "Jaws" Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, in 19 seconds of the sixth round. Gardent had sixth round. Gardenr had struggled through, five painful rounds, taking merciless punish-ment from the 8th heavier Puerto Rican and it seemed it would not two rounds as the Philadelphian threw them from both sides of the Briton's head. Obviously Minter was afraid of his eyes giving out in the early rounds but in the third, when he stood his ground and threw those lefts and rights a long time getting off his stool,

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Ocasio stood up. Gardner walked up to him and tapped him on the chin with a punch that would not even have knocked out a fly, let alone a flyweight. "Jaws", who now began to show a set of toothless paws, just rolled over on his back; no one was more surprised than Gardner at his luck. Ocasio got up on one knee as Mr Gibbs began to finish his count.

The Puerto-Rican had boxed loosely from a distance at the

began to thish ms count.

The Puerto Rican had boxed loosely from a distance at the start and had caught Gardner over and over again with left hooks that shook him down to his boots. For the first two rounds Gardner was caught by the right feint as the left whipped in.

By the third round Ocasio was beginning to show signs of losing interest in the bout. He bulled his way forward, using his arms like hords, to pin Gardner against the ropes much to the crowd's annoyance. Gardner's best rounds were the fourth and fifth as Ocasio backpedalted on to the ropes, throwing an occasional right hand to deter him: but Gardner would not be slowed down and he persevered, pressuring his opponent all the time.

time.

Then the end came in the sixth. It was as much a relief to Gardneras to the man who was unable to get up. By this performance I do not think Gardner will ger himself. into the top ten ratings, but if he fomehow does, and meers the world champion. I do not hold out much hope for him beyond cashing in on a large pay-off.

South African guests: Four Argentine boxers arrived by air in Johannesburg yesterday to prepare for a programme on March 23, that will include a flyweight title bout between Santos Laciar and the black South African champion, Peter Mathebula, AP reports,

Rugby League

Boxing Correspondenc

## Carlisle set to follow Fulham's example

By Keith Macklin Three officials of the Rugby League will watch a football match at Carlisle on Saturday and the sequel could be the entry of Carlisle Umited into the second division of the Rugby League next season. Directors of the club decided at a meeting on Monday to invite senior officials of the 13-a-side game to Brunton Park to examine the ground and facilities. If Rugby League officials are happy with what they see, Carlisle board members will almost certainly apply to join the League in time for the opening of next season in September. Three officials of the Rugby The Cumbrian club are not yet The Cumbrian club are not yet totally committed to an application, though as David Howes, the Rugby League's public relations officer, said: "The indications are good". A deputation from Carlisle will go to Fulham for Sunday's match with Dewsbury and the Craven Cottage ground will be closely inspected to see the effects, if any, of the double dose of wear and tear from football and Rugby League.

Carlisle have already asked

Carlisle have already asked George Graham, the former Workington Town chairman, to act as consultant; the role which Harold Genders performed so successfully in the recruitment of the Fullant side.

Mr Howes said: " Apart from

Cartisle, there is a possible ap-plication from Charlton Athletic rise in the game, is a substitute. Australia in July.

Rackets

## Ellis demolishes

Ellis was in a class of his ov and would probably have dealt as severely with McDonald as he did with Malthy. McDonald and Hollington, however, were well matched, the winner being the more mobile and more constrent and a better returner of service.

Given time, Hollington bad the caven time, Hollington and the neavier shots but he had difficulty in judging the ball off the side and back walls, a fact that McDonald, after losing the first game from 11—2, used to his benefit. The march began to turn his way in the middle of the second same. second game.

McDonald won the third game to love in one hand. Hollington, his head bowed and shoulders hunched, ambling from side to side as if he had forgotten where he was. He made a sterner effort in the fourth game, putting some weight into his strokes and producing occasional service winners. Hollington led 10—7, but McDonald, whose improvement through the match was noticeable, finished him off in one hand.

some want to give the Fulham ex-periment another year's examina-tion."

Cardiff City are one club who are pursuing their interest. Ron Jones, their general manager, will have discussions with League officials near mouth.

Toulght at Craven Park, Rull, England meet Wales to decide who wing the wooden stoop in the who wins the wooden spoon in the European championship, which was won by France at Headingley Unless there is a major upset form, the sackcloth and ashes ill again adorn Wales, who rarely seem to put together as a team the sum of their individual parts. On the England side, the injured scrum-half Paul Harkin is

injured scrum-half Paul Harkin is replaced by Steve Nash, a skilled interpational geteran who might have thought his international career was over. The skill and experience of Nash will be a vital factor for England.

Steve Rule, the Salford full-back, gets his first Welsh cap and Martin Herdman, the Fulham forward who has made a spectacular

in the pipeline. Other tlubs who earlier expressed an interest, like. Bolton Wanderers. Notts County, Reading and Crystal Palace, are holding back for another season for a variety of reasons. Some clubs have been affected by the economic climate, some have been put off by our request for a long-term commitment and some want to give the Fulham experiment another year's examinating through Welsh ancestry rather than through Welsh ancestry rather than through Welsh ancestry rather than through Welsh ancestry is something of a fairytale. Less than three months ago be was playing omitten Rugby League with Peckham player-coach, Reg Bowden, "to see a little more experience" for a little more experience." team only a matter of weeks ago and has since made remarkable

strides.
John Beyan will captain the
Welsh side. Paul Prendiville, the Hull winger, would have been included in the party but for an injury he sustained at Barrow of

Sudgay.

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Cricket and chips

Computer-controlled scoreboards are to be installed on the Headingley cricket and Rugby League grounds at a total cost of £30,000. The cricket scoreboard, which will be built facing the pavision, will be in operation for the first time during the third Test match against Acceptable in John Computer Score Computer Score Computer Score Computer Score Computer Com

### Maltby to topple Cambridge

By Roy MoKelvie

Oxford, having won the doubles match on Monday, shared the singles yesterday to beat Cam-bridge by 2-1 in the University match at Queen's Club. Richard Ellis, (Haileybury and St Edmund Hall), the Oxford second string, demolished William Malthy (Wellington and Magdalene) by 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, a swingeing victory. Then the Cambridge first strong, Andrew McDonald (Malvera and St John's). best William Hollington (Haileybury and St Edmund Hall) by 12—15, 15—9, 15—0, 15—10.

For the record

Hockey

## History on England's side

By Sydney Friskin
International hockey comes tack to Crystal Palace today and tomorrow when England entertain Poland on the Astroture pitch.
Today's match starts at 7 pm and the bully-off tomorrow is at 2.30. The traditional bully, however, is on its way out. From September 1 this year, it is to be replaced by a pass back.
Poland bave never beaten England. Of the four matches played so far, dating back to 1959, England. Of the four matches played so far, dating back to 1959, England won three and one has been drawn. They met twice in 1978: in Buenos Aires, where England won 3—0, and in Hanover, where England won 2—0. The visitors, who, like England
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2—0.
The visitors, who, like England, have qualified for the World Cup event in Bombay at the end of this year, lost 4—3 to Ireland in Dub-

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# Are the criminals getting on top?

The Government has a firm law and order policy, more police are being recruited but still the unsolved crime figures rise...

Police and an attack on the efficiency of the South York-shire Force by the chairman of its Police Authority are indicalaw and order strategy is fail-

Mr George Moores, the Authority chairman, said: "We are not getting value for money, Ir seems that for the increasing sums of money we pour into the scrvice each year, there is a progressive reduction in detec-tion rates."

tion rates."

The South Yorkshire police budget was £22m in 1977 and £42m this year. Though Police, the Police Federation journal, claims that South Yorkshire's detection. Tate is the bighest of all Metropolitan forces in the country, it fell from 51.7 per cent in 1979, to 46.7 per cent

last year: While part of the fall is reck-oned to be because of Home Office changes in the compiling of statistics, the Home Office denies there has been any alteration of the formula for crime counted as "cleared up".

The most disturbing fact

shout the official figures pre-sented by the Metropolitan Police in London is that, while Police in London is that, while numbers of police have increased, the percentage of crimes cleared up and the actual number of arrests are lower than they were. Yet the recruiting of extra police is so important a part of the Government's strategy that it is being

ments strategy that it is being given extra protection in its projected expenditure, while cuts outside the area of law and order are in some cases sofige.

The Government's White Puper on Public Expenditure forecasts growth in police strength in England and Wales from 116,900 officers on March from 116,900 officers on March 31 to 119,000 in 1983-84. "If the forecast for any year is exceeded," the White Paper says, "further provision will be tional manpower within indi-

The low percentage of crime vidual establishments and for cleared up by the Metropolitan the associated expenditure on equipment, training and other

Merely recruiting more officers is not enough. Police in some places are involving themselves more with the comnunity, acknowledging the ex-tent to which they depend on te public's support.
Far from Government being

able to reduce serious crime, the official figures suggest that

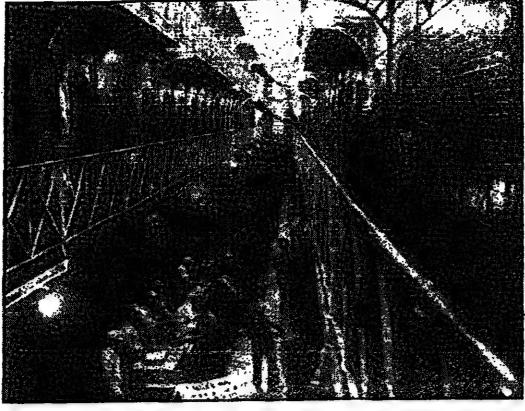
the official figures suggest that in some parts of the country the police are in danger of being overwhelmed. The 1980 figure of crimes recorded, which will go into the annual report of Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, when it is published later this year, will show increases in the last two years of 5.2 per cent and 4.6 per cent. of 5.2 per cent and 4.6 per cent. of 5.2 per cent and 4.6 per cent. The police regard the kind of crime that has most sharply increased as virtually unpreventable and not easily detectable. Burglary in dwellings in Greater Manchester increased by almost 24 per cent in 1980 and in other premises by more than 16 per cent. Robberies and assaults with intent to rob rose by 31 per cent and arson and criminal damage by 28 per cent.

#### METROPOLITAN POLICE

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1979	105,479	22,786
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Some part of the extra cri-minal damage recorded may be minal damage recorded may be due to inflation, as it is not included if less than £20 in value. But the police regard as "exceedingly worrying" the phenomenal rise in arson in Greater Manchester from 287 recorded cases in 1977 costing £756,198 to 415 in 1980 costing £9.272.621.

Under such shocks, Greater Manchester's clear-up rate



dropped from 50.5 per cent in 1975 to 41.3 per cent last year. The clear-up rate for the Metro-politan Police in London has fallen during the past 10 years from 28 per cent in 1971 to 20 per cent last year and the

year before.

The Metropolitan police cleared up only one in nine burglaries last year, which now account for a fifth of all their reported serious crime. Burglaries bave risen from 77,667 in 1931 45 034 6 them exidentials 1971 (46,024 of them residential) to 125,806 (75,086 residential) last year.

In Manchester, the number (as opposed to the percentage) of crimes actually detected has increased between 1975 and 1980 by 7.8 per cent, but in London the number of crimes cleared up has actually fallen from a high point of 119.817 in 1977 to 116.892 in 1980. Arrests fell by more than 5,000 over the same period. Yet since 1977, the strength of the Force has risen by 1,452.

The cost of crime and dealing with it, is already enormous. A detailed analysis by The Times in 1975 estimated it to be £2,000m. Since January 1975 prices have risen overall by 131 per cent. The

question is, what sort of invest-ment by the Government in fighting crime would really be worthwhile. At present, it can have no real idea. The official measurements of crime are ore than useless; they are misleading.

Even assuming it was true that recruiting extra police would automatically lead to a corresponding improvement of clear-up rates, the effect could be disastrous for the potentially explosive prison system, unless courts could be persuaded or forced (by legislation) to reduce numbers given custodial sentences and the length of sentences imposed. Prisons have to take the numbers show have to take the numbers they are sent. Catching extra criminals desirable though that is in itself, is the equivalent of producing unwanted cars which have then to be left to rust in store. In the case of offenders are warehoused

prisons. Because research suggests there is about 10 times as much crime as is actually recorded by the police, it could be that more of some sorts of crime is ending up in the statistics as a

But if there are 10 times as many crimes as are officially recorded that makes the clearup rates look even sicker. The 20 per cent cleared up by the Metropolitan Police would fall to a mere two per cent and Greater Manchester's figure to

four per cent. Of course, it is unfair to criticize the police for failing to solve crimes not reported to them, but evidence is accumulat-ing showing how much they actually do depend on the public. Faith in detective work as a prime means of solving crime

a prime means of solving crime is one of the casualties of recent research.

In The Effectiveness of Policing (published by Gower) which they edit, R. V. G. Clarke and J. M. Hough, of the Home Office Research Unit, say that studies emphasize that most detections are of a routing detections are of a routine nature and that detectives are heavily dependent both on information readily available at the scene of the crime and on admissions by offenders already charged with other offences.

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evidence, the methodological elimination of suspects and the use of informants."

How few crimes are cleared up by detective work is con-firmed in a book by Keith Bottomley and Clive Coleman of Hull University to be published soon by Gower (Understanding soon by Gower (Understanding Crime Rates). Of 1,020 cleared up crimes they examined, 28 per cent were admitted, under questioning. They reflect the efforts of police to induce known offenders to clear up other crimes. Another 24 per cent were cleared up as a result of the public (mainly victims) giving information which led to identification of offenders; four per cent were detained by a citizen and 10 per cent by special agents (almost entirely store detectives).
David Steer, a tutor at the

David Steer, a tutor at the Police College, Bramshill, Hampshire, found in another study for the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure that threequarters of suspects were caught carrying out the crime, were still at the scene when the police arrived, were known from the outset or were among a small number of people who had the opportunity to commit the crime.

Until criminal statistics actually give police the information that can enable them to focus their efforts more productively. it is useless for governments to expect money poured into fighting crime to achieve results that will impress the electorate. Law and order. for all the good intentions of campaigning politicians at elec-tion times, will have only bogus

Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Uncovering Crime, the Police Role. Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. Research Study No 7 (Stationery Office). Understanding Crime Rates by Keith Bottomley and Clive Colecharged with other offences.

"Only a small proportion of Keith Bottomley and Clive Colectimes are detected by procedures typically thought to comprise 'real detective work' —that is the sifting of forensic (Gower).

Bernard Levin

## The nicest bandwagon you ever saw

Gillespie in The Sunday Times. The Irish Prime Minister, Mr Charles Haughey (the Harold Wilson of the Celtic Twilight), has aunounced that 150 "creative artists" (the term embraces playwrights, dovelists, sculptors, painters, composers, screenprinters, photographers, bards and poets) are to be put on the state payroll at 4,000 jimmy-o'goblins a year each. The jimmy-o'goblins in question

are Irish ones, it is true (and should therefore perhaps more appropriately be called jimmy o'leprechauns), and the poot is at present at a discount; all the same, considering that the recipients don't actually have to do anything at all for the money, it should not be sneezed at, and I don't suppose will be. The first 150 free-loaders, incidentally, are to be selected by the Irish Arts Council, but after that they will colort themselves. that they will select themselves. (I bet they will, Literally, I should think.)

There is a good deal to be said about this caper, and in a moment I shall say it. First, however, I have to ask a question, and it is the only question that will be asked by anybody in: Ireland or elsewhere who can, by any effort of the imagination, persuade himself that he is, or can give a decent imitation of, a creative artist: please, Sir. where do I apply to get my bread in the gravy? For you must not suppos that you have to be Irish of the Irish to qualify for this lovely shamrock-coloured lolly. When ir comes to giving other people's money to con-men the Irish Government is plainly as warmhearted as Lambeth Council in-self; foreign chanters already living off the fat of the land in the Republic under the scheme that allows "creative artists" to escape taxation there (a scheme presumably instituted because it was felt that such folk might add a bit of tone to the place) can leap aboard the bandwagon, as con those born in Ireland and living abroad, never mind all those of Irish descent who can bear to visit the old sod long enough to pick up their winnings; indeed, I have a distinct feeling that anyhody who isn't so colour-blind that he can't tell the difference between green and orange at

Haughey will do the rest.
Well, my own order of priorities is clear: first me, then you. I have often reminded the world that my grandfather was one of the O'Levins of Co Kildare, and there can be few in a position to deny it authorita-tively; that I am a creative artist none, I imagine, will be inclined to dispute, at any rate after my forthcoming Life of Walsh and Sons, £12.50, illus, pp 688) appears. Certainly, my claim is as good as that of any of the drunks, joxers, layabouts, schnorrers. fiddlers, thimbleriggers, touchers—and other members of the fancy who will shortly be jostling to join the queue. (In the immortal words of Brendan Behan, there were good men in Mountjoy before Kevin Barry got into the act.) So far, the only sensible re-

ten paces has only to stand with his mouth under the tap and Mr

mark made about the business has come from Mr Hugh Leonard, the Irish playwright, who has said that "asking the Arts Council to choose the members is like asking Nero to organize an ouring for Christians". But we cannot leave it there. It can be said with very considerable assurance up and nip round the corner assets by courtesy of the good Messrs Jameson, there will not be a single word or note writ-ten, not a fragment of marble chipped or a square inch of canvas dabbed with paint, that will be of any artistic value or significance to any human being alive or as yet unborn. And it can be said with absolute certainty that if, by some

Here's a frightfully good have done so even if it had wheeze, reported by Elgy never occurred to Mr Haughey that getting himself known as a great one for the finer things a great one for the tiner things of life could do him no elec-toral harm.

The delusion that art can be

produced by money, or by any thing at all for that matter, is one of the most persistent and deeply roated of our time, which is the more remarkable in view of the fact that it is in view of the fact that it is of such recent origin. It be trays, of course, a fundamental misunderstanding of what art is, which is not surprising, because mobody can say what art is the art are rate it is not surprising. is. But at any rare it is pos-sible to say what it is not. It is not something that can

be made out of anything ex-ternal to the artist, except in the obvious sense that sights and sounds and experiences and sounds and experience; are external to the artist and provide much of the raw material which, when (and only when) it has been trans. only when) it has been transmuted in the alembic of the artist's psyche, turns into art. The late John Culshaw, in Ring Resounding, his book about the first complete recording of the Ring, by Decca, tells of the review of the mighty project, in a magazine which though it saluted Decca's remarkable rechnical achievement, bemoaned the fact that it had been applied to a

ment, bemoaned the tact that it had been applied to a foreign composition. Was there no equivalent English work? If not, could not one have been commissioned? No, one could not have been commissioned. and the reason commissioned, and the reason has nothing to do with the quality of Wagner's music. Only artists can produce art; art can be produced only by artists. In that pair of tautologies lies the whole truth about the whole besiness of paying creators to create, which is that it is a waste of time and money to do all such thing. If there is art maids a man, it will come out; if there is none, no fishing-line though the hook be basted with good red gold, will be long enough,

strong enough, to drag it

This is not at all the same thing as the belief that hunger is good for creation. (Hunger isn't good for anything except over-eating, and let us never forget that.) Itself a product of an effete romanicism, the belief insists that he proper place for an artist i in an unheated garret, his junction to produce masterniers by gut. produce masterpiees by gut-tering candlelight. Vell, Mozart did. Beethoven dim't; Milton-didn't, Chatterton did; Ibsen first did, then ddn't: Rem-brandt first didn, then did, Neither poverty or affluence can either produce or inhibit art; both are irrdevant to it. that you can almost define art this method; give a poor artist money, and see if he produces better art take away a rich artist's wealn, and see il his creative spring dres up. Not even the ducting-stiol presented a more cruelly tircular argument, and not even the Irish can square the chile.

Haughey's ha'pence wil not. I imagine, do anybody any harm, except the Irish taxpayes, and since I have quite enoug: to do in keeping the head if the Levinish taxpayer above water I can spare no tears for them. a bit of good, of course, hough even that may be offse over the years by cumulative damage to the liver. But thecause of art will not be advaned by the length of Mr Haubey's

Costard had a word fr it: Remuneration ! O ! tha's the Latin word. for three tarthings: three farthings re-muneration. Remuneration why, it is a fairer wordthan French crown. Pray yo, sir, how much carnation mand may a man buy for a re-muneration?

Enough, it seems, to tie round 150 licensed practimeners in blarney. But not enough, alas, to ensure that famong them they produce as much creation as will cover one farthing, let alone three. C. Times Newspapers Limit

## Melvyn Westlake examines the uneven rate of progress among the poorer nations

## Why some stride out and others fall behind

It is only in the last 30 years that economic development has become a major goal for most of what were once known as and are today called the developing countries—or collections and are today called the developing countries—or collection ago, and their nine countries, with 220 million the Third World remained those Third World nations by itself is unlikely to solve or even greatly alleviate the problem of the industrialized countries, economics with those regarded according to the Morawetz as having market economies (as total of some 1,100 million the Chiral World nations by itself is unlikely to solve or even greatly alleviate the problem of the conomic performance of the those Third World nations by itself is unlikely to solve or even greatly alleviate the problem of the conomic performance of the those Third World nations by itself is unlikely to solve or even greatly alleviate the problem of the industrialized countries.

At the same time there is no even greatly alleviate the problem of the industrialized countries, economics with those regarded according to the Morawetz as having market economies (as the conomic performance of the those Third World nations by itself is unlikely to solve or even greatly alleviate the problem of the conomic performance of the those Third World nations which have centrally planned the conomic performance of the those Third World nations with those regarded according to the development of the conomic performance of the those Third World nations are the conomic performance of the those Third World nations are the conomic performance of the those Third World nations of the those Third World nations are the conomic per tively, and more vaguely, the Third World. There are more than 100 such countries, the vast majority of which did not exist as sovereign states at the end of the Second World War. Overall, these countries have made impressive strides during the past three decades, but the

experience has been far from uniform. The 40 or so poorest nations (those with national income per head of population of \$360 or less in 1978) have. on average, grown more slowly than the "middle income" Third World states (with incomes per head of between \$360 and \$3,500), and the rich industrial nations (with an average income \$8,070 in 1978). income per head of

As a consequence, the gap between the poorest and the nations has widened, both relatively and absolutely, contrary to the view expressed by Professor F. A. Hayek in an article in these columns last

January. However, it is also true that of experience even among the poorest nations, and it does not follow that they have all done worse than the rich countries, or that some of the latter have not performed badly. There would certainly appear to be no fixed relationship between the level of national income that

Hayek, that those developing nations that have done well. have been those that have promoted \*effective market promoted \*conomies ", and those that have done badly are the ones that have followed a socialist road to development

For all developing countries taken together, the last 30 years has been a period of quite remarkably rapid economic growth. The annual average increase in gross national product per person in Third World nations has been around 3-31 per cent (the precise figure depends on which countries are included in the calculation). This was similar to average growth in the industrialized nations over the same period, but about twice as fast as today's rich nations achieved during the preceding three-quarters of a century. More-over, for much of the Third World it followed several millennia of little or no economic

change. However, the record is decidedly bleaker when considered at a less generalized level. In a study undertaken for the World Bank, covering the period 1950-75, Professor Morawetz showed that, on the one hand, nine countries with a combined population of 930 million people in 1975 grew at an average annual rate of 4.2 per cent or

income growth of less than 2

per cent a vear. Thus, although it was true that per capita income had roughly trebled for some 33 per cent of the people of the developing world during the period. 40 per cent the increase in per capita income had been only one or two dollars a year.

The group of fastest growing

nations included both the People's Republic of China (one of the world's poorest nations) and Taiwan. Other poor countries, such as South Korea and have been numbered among the countries, also did better than average,

Neither does there seem to be any clear pattern among the middle-income communist coun-tries. In the 1960s and 1970s Cuba experienced a decline in per capita income while North Corea, Romania and Yugoslavia

grew faster.
The result of 30 years growth in the developing world has the income gap between rich and poor countries, As, overall, the developed and developing nations grew at a and similar rate, the relative " gap ' has held

people, experienced per capital managed to narrow the relative a gap, others saw it widen. But countries are avowedly comthe absolute gap between the developed and developing countries widened in all cases. In every region the absolute gap least doubled, even where Third World growth was most In 1950 the average gross national product per capita in the industrialized nations (in 1974 dollars) was \$2,191 greater than for the average in developing coun-tries. By 1975 this difference more than doubled to

This is because of the algebra of gaps. Even where a developing country is growing twice as fast as the industrialized nations, the absolute gap will continue to widen until per capita gross national product in the developing country reaches half that of the rich nations. If historical growth rates were maintained, the absolute

gap would never be closed for the large majority of developcountries, containing most of the world's population. Even among the fastest growing developing countries (excluding a couple of oil-rich ones) only eight would close the absolute gap within 190 years, according Morawetz: and only would close it within 1.000

bandful

developing that end. munist, but most of them use the agency of the state to pursue a wide range of social and economic objectives. Many also undertake some economic planning and deploy a battery controls on trade. allow the price mechanism full sway.

In South Korea, which is usually held up as a paragon of capitalist virtue, the government has played an active role in the economy. The massive export assault was accompanied by a considerable range of import controls.

The government had over-helming control of the whelming organized banking sector, effectively directing about two-thirds of investment reasources in the early 1970s. That is a measure of control achieved by few countries outside the communist block. The public sector absorbed a substantial slice of these investment resources. In Brazil, too, the state sector was rucial to the country's economic miracle", and the crucial higgest domestic companies are state-owned.

But economic development in the Third World is not solely growth. Equally important is the reduction of poverty and has held fairly constant, years.

Between 1950 and 1975 the The difficulty of comparing welfare of the people. It is in-

I wouldn't entirely

recommend it, old boy: I

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Over the last 30 years the proportion of people in absolute poverty is thought to have falincreased the number in absolute poverty has risen. Average expectancy has increased from 42 to 54 years. The proportion of adults who are literate has risen from about 30 per cent to more than 50 per

Again, the advances have not been uniform. In some countries the benefits of economic growth have not been fully shared with their poorest citizens because income inequality has increased. Most Third World communist countries (including Cuba, which has seen little economic growth in 20 years) get high marks for the level of life expectancy or literacy-or both -and income equality. So do fast-growing states such as South Korea and Taiwan, and slow-growing nations such as Tanzania and Sri Lanka tin relationship to their positions in the poverty league).

It would seem that those success in reducing poverty are cal system and economic strathave deliberately and CEV. decisively sought to do so.

# had contained a half-price Reader's Digest guide on how

The Whips were certainly busyfor the Commons Budget debate on Monday night. There on the Tory benches was Edward Heath, ordered by his doctor to cancel all engagements March and April, but persuaded by the party's head hunters to make an exception on this important occasion.

to resist special offers.

#### Cost analysis Sorry though I am to learn from Friends of the Earth that

one cyclist is killed every weekday on British roads, I am also irritated by the tendency to accompany such claims with meaningless statistics. For example, the Friends say in a press release that "each tatal accident costs the conmunity £120,000". Puzzled bow this could be, I asked them where the figure came from.

The answer, after a few minutes' delay, was: "From the British Road Federation All right, where did the Federation get the figure from? Another answer, after further telephone calls: "From the Department of Transport " you get one, but once the Well, when was the figure our Barkers' department store quarterly bills begin to arrive first published and where? in Kensington High Street may

you may well wish that envelope Answer, after the longest inter-had contained a half-orice val of the series: "Er, they don't seem to be able to trace

extraordinary chance, a true work of creation should slip

through into existence, it would

#### Malteaser Last week's ban on sales of The

Times in Malta is only one example of a curious attitude towards newspapers on the island.
For some years now the
words "Malta", "nation" and
their various derivatives have been in effect the property of Dom Mintoff's Labour government, and are apparently not to be used without permission.

Even the Maltese do not seem to know the reason for the law. which has led to some strange circumiocutions. The Times of Malta, for example, is now simply The Times. The opposition party journal, In-Nazyon Taghna, is known simply as In... Taghna; on its masthead, where the word Nazzina (Nation) used to be, there now appears an outline sketch of the island state.

So far there has been no edicr ordering all references to the Prime Minister to be replaced by a picture of a mint toffee.

#### Lower overhead

Yet another sign of these disturbing times is the news

be turned into office building was recently of historic and archite level proclaims that it the third largest sho

London. Last night Kensington Chelsea council's planning mittee was presented was pricated to application to chang the the top four floors. hunder the top four floors allo and that the scheme als enletting part of the ower to a separate retair anding up three independent shops on the igh

frontage. The House of Paser, owns Barkers, an which recently been having troubles with "Tiv" Rown could not find anyne yester to comment. But what wit similar contractio planned b another of the ountry's greinstitutions, the avoy Hotel, am wondering were it will a end.

They must kee; highly intelligent and discipled cattle in Cambridgeshire A report on cattle grids herre the county council last wek said that in the parish of Soham, before 1976, "livestoc were prevented from straying he gates which were habituall left apen.".

Am Hamilton

#### Inputting the newprint

media data

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed a subtle change in the appearance of parts of this newspaper in recent days. The reason is that the long and painful process of exorcising the ghost of William Caxton has finally begun; since Monday morning, some of our words have been turned to type

For the time being the London Diary continues to he hacked from a block of granite by a man with a flint axe, but if you turn today to the Social Focus page, the property column or the broadcasting guide, you will find the New Technology at work.

It is the intention that the

entire editorial content of the by about midsummer. Later, when the omnipotent' computer has seized control of our advertising pages and of a string of very rude words. The Sunday Times, I expect into the system. the last Linotype hot metal composing machine, one of the the head computer man sternly, wonders of mechanical invention, will be carried out of the response time." I think he back door at dead of night and conveyed to a waiting museum.

spect the hardware, and I can puter a highly spurious story tell you that it is all very mys-terious and frightening to a grubby-collared newshound, partly because compu-ter men, who all wear clean collars, speak a language of their own. They gave me an "overview" which is their word for a quick guided tour, not a chance to look at the

building from a helicopter. The computer is housed in an air-conditioned room with double security doors and grilles in the floor which emit clouds of poison gas in case of fire—a final solution for recalcitrant employees, per-haps. The compositors who also wear clean collars under the new system, sir outside in a quiet, carpeted room, tapping t green, luminous words on television screens.

The temptation to try out-witting this insufferably clever hox of silicon chips immense, and it is not diffinewspaper should have "gone cuit. A colleague baffled two successive computer terminals, first by writing a story in Greek, and second by feeding

" If you do that ", admonished meant it would slow things up.

about certain notable public personages and then attemptto savour its improbable and shockingly seditious detail. shockingly seditious detail. "You have cocked it up", said the computer man, and the screen concurred by flashing the cryptic message: "No such command in database." "That story is lost forever into the ether. It no longer

exists", said the computer man with a frisson of impatience normally reserved for addressing the mentally retarded I do not believe him, and I do not trust the machine. One day, in about a year's time, the giant memory banks are going to find my little piece of trainee sedition and cough it up right in the middle of that day's first

Speaking of computers, I hear from a spy at the Open Universur of a new word creeping into currency to describe those who can not only read and count, but can operate deta processing machines as well. Such persons are said to be "computerate." Uzh.

#### Sales line

In recent weeks many residents of Norrolk have found far white worth more than \$15 to you" thudding on their doormats. The contents are not Persil coupons, nor even a special offer for a Reader's Digest 36-part set of full-colour doorstopping encyclopaedias.

Not at all. The envelope contains an offer from British Telecom of cut price telephone installations. For the month of March only, unconnected dwellers in the Norwich telephone area can have the odious instrument installed for £37.50 instead of the normal rate of £74.75. There is a further offer of £3.45 off the cost of adding an extension to un existing phone.

Such a sales puch will be reated with surprise and even scepticism by people in other parts of the land who have usked of their own accord for the phone to be put in, only to find that there is such a long ment of a man with a forked stick becomes a serious alterna-

But British Telecom assured me yesterday that they have plente of lines to spare in the Notwich area, In 50 per cent cases, residential phones could be connected in two to three weeks and business lines in four to six weeks. And the other 50 per cent? Ah, well, onveyed to a waiting museum. I notched up my own private envelopes bearing the come-there are some areas, even I have been upstairs to in-disaster by feeding the com-hither legend "This could be around Norwich, where a short-



age of equipment could mean a Cut-price installation offers have been used as a marketing tool since 1973 and their use is up to regional telephone controllers, I am told. Good luck if

that more than half of the fam-

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# THE MISDIRECTED TORY REVOLT

The Government Whips experi- to go back to his desk and do scepticism which is liable to They saw one Conservative MP cross the floor of the House to join the Social Democrats. Eight others voted against the Government over the increase in petrol tax, and at least twenty more abstained. Altogether it was the biggest backbench revolt against the Government since it took

This cannot have come as a surprise to the Whips or to ministers. They must have known from the mood of the backbenchers - almost from the moment that the Chancellor sat tax provides a convenient Issue for those who are dissatisfied with the Budget on wider grounds because the increase has aroused particularly strong feelings among many traditional Tory supporters in rural areas. It is therefore possible for MPs from such constituencies to rebelwithout upsetting their local associations. Indeed, they can claim to be performing the traditional function of an MP in representing his constituency's interests at Westminster.

The extent of the revolt was enough to be severely embarrassing, but not to inflict more immediate damage on the Government than that. All the Budget resolutions were passed. even if with a disconcertingly small majority for the petrol tax. Sir Geoffrey has not been forced

Reports of violence in the Syrian

town of Hama over the past nine

months are further evidence that

the regime of President Hafez

Assad is under consistent pres-

sure from a widely based opposi-

tion movement. The regime has been trying for over a year now .
to track down and eliminate its
enemies. It has brought into

being a range of security forces,

some under the command of the

President's brother, Colonel Rifaat Assad, and all ruthless in

their methods. They carry out

indiscriminate reprisals on a

large scale when government

officials are assassinated. The

incidents at Hama have been

echoed at Homs, in Aleppo and

eradicate opposition is largely due to the organization and

underground experience of the

Assad regime's principal oppo-

nent, the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood's strength lies

in its very shadowiness, and in

its ability to channel resentment

against the Assad brothers, who

later this month, is a sign of the

new policies being adopted

towards Latin America by the

Reagan Administration. . The

Argentine military regime has

one of the worst human rights

records in the region, and the

Carter Administration tried to

improve it by, for instance, a ban

on arms sales. By contrast, Mr

Reagan has announced that he

will ask Congress to lift the ban,

which is likely to be agreed : and

the emphasis in the talks General

Viola has been having has been

on defence of the western hemis-

phere rather than human rights.

This approach is very much in line with the Administration's

policy in El Salvador, with its

backing for the military rule there regardless of its human

rights record, and its emphasis

on the global struggle against

communism. And Chile has been

getting similar treatment. Presi-

dent Pinochet's regime has made

itself something of an inter-

national outcast since its over-

throw of the Allende government

in 1973. It also committed an act

of extraordinary effrontery when

it organized the assassination in

Washington in 1976 of Orlando Letelier, a prominent Chilean

exile; when the Santiago autho-

rities refused to extradite three

Chilean officers alleged to have

been responsible, the Carter Administration imposed sanc-

tions, among them the stopping

of export credit guarantees.

These sanctions have been lifted

by the new Administration, and

The failure of such methods to

in Damascus itself.

STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN SYRIA

are nominally fellow Muslims but ship of Colonel Gaddafi, which is

come from the minority Alawite a dubious asset. Even Russia's

sect, which is widely disliked, friendship is of doubtful value.

The Muslim Brotherhood, by since Moscow is quite capable of

contrast draws on the traditions, switching its protection among

This week's visit to Washington the Chilean Navy is to take part

by General Viola, who is to take once again in combined office as President of Argentina manoeuvres with the United

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AWKWARD GUEST

countries.

enced their worst day in the his sums again. If Monday's cause more difficulty on o present Parliament on Monday. events could be regarded simply issues in the months ahead. as an isolated episode, the Chan-cellor could afford to shrug his shoulders and go on his way with the comforting reflection that politics always was a bumpy life: But what must be worrying him and other ministers is that Monday's embarrassments may be torerunner of further troubles to come.

These troubles will be of two kinds. The first is that there is now a general drop of confidence in the Government on the Conservative backbenches. There down on Tuesday afternoon, but certainly by Wednesday—that there was bound to be a substantial resource of the stage. Petrol that the Unancent sale was probably never a major... was probably never a major... of Conservative MPs who were positively convinced by Mrs Thatcher's doctrines. There were always minorities on the right and left who respectively loved and loathed these doctrines. The general body of Conservative MPs liked the thrust towards. lower taxes and less government,

and they hoped she was right. The election victory did much to assure them that she was, because the Conservatives have a relish for electoral victory beyond that of any other party. But now they see ministers failing to achieve their objectives and the Cabinet living in a state of apparently living in a state of apparently perpetual discord that had previously been associated with Labour administrations. Scepticism about the Government has grown among backbenchers who are not to be numbered among the habitual critics. Monday's events were a symptom of this

of the Sunni branch of Islam, to

in Egypt in 1928, with the aim

of establishing by paramilitary means a state in which funda-

mentalist Islam would hold sway in all aspects of national life—

social and political as well as religious. Numerous setbacks

have not sapped this ambition,

least of all in Syria, where a strong branch of the Brother-

bood was established early on. Even the massacre of over 500

Muslim Brothers at Palmyra jail

last summer left the organization

thirsting for revenge rather than

reeling from the blow.

The declared aim of the

Muslim Brotherhood is to over-

throw President Assad. Some of

its leaders have spoken of a "final push" by the end of this

year. Certainly, Syria's descent

towards civil war comes at a time

when the Assad regime is in-

creasingly isolated internationally, as well as shaky internally.

Damascus is alone in the Arab

world, and has only the friend-

States and other Latin American

There are plenty of indications,

therefore, that American policy

under Mr Reagan could be slip-

ping back into a traditional pat-

tern, of support for established

interests and military regimes.

On this reading, policy towards

El Salvador is only the most

extreme example of an attitude

which refuses to see that the

crying need throughout much of

Latin America is for social and

economic reform; and which

tends to see all leftist move-

ments, whether terrorist or not,

as part of an international con-

spiracy. Historically, this has been the attitude of much of

American business, as well as the military, and they have had

much too much influence on

Washington's policies towards its

southern neighbours. In small

countries, like Cuba and Nica-

ragua, the result has been that

when an unpopular dictatorship

is overthrown, the new leader-

ship has been fair game for the

Russians and so fulfilled the worst fears of the right.

American policy towards Latin America is still in the process

of formation. The hope must be,

therefore, that once it gets into its stride, the new Administra-

tion will see the need to avoid

the simple counter productive responses of the far right. There

are already signs of doubts about

making to El Salvador a test of

virility. Major d'Aubuisson, the

For the time being, however,

The Brotherhood was founded

which most Syrians adhere.

cause more difficulty on other

The second kind of trouble that was foreshadowed by Monday's revolt is that the Government may well have problems in getting the proposed petrol tax increase through Parliament unchanged when the Finance Bill comes along. The Budget resolutions could not be amended: it was therefore a choice between accepting the proposed level of tax or rejecting any increase in petrol tax at all. But the Finance Bill can be amended, so it will be possible to vote for, say, half the increase proposed by the Chancellor.

The critics will claim that the full increase would discriminate too harshly against the rural way of life, and that it would push up industrial costs excessively. But these-are not arguments that Sir Geoffrey can accept within the terms of his own Budget strategy. He has got to raise the revenue somehow. It would be worse to put up VAT again or to increase the standard rate of income tax. Petrol is cheaper, in any event, in Britain than in most other European countries and the proposed increase barely restores the tax to the 1973 percentage of retail price. Most importantly of all, it is capital spending for investment, not current spending for consumption, which requires advocacy. Whatever other criticisms may be made of the Budget, and whatever political embarassments ministers may face, this is an issue on which the Government should stand firm.

rival power groups whenever

Soviet Union is likely to keep its money on President Assad, if

only because the alternative-a

revivalist, Islamic regime—is even less palatable: In any case,

the main potential sources of support for a Muslim Brother-

It is also doubtful whether the

people of Syria would really.

benefit by having the Muslim Brothers installed in place of the

Alawite Mafia " in Damascus.

According to their "revolution-

ary manifesto", if they came to power, the Erotherhood would

abolish prisons and torture; hold

"direct elections"; permit free-dom of speech and assembly; and

even refrain from taking revenge

on Assad supporters. There must

however be a suspicion-borne

our by historical precedent-that

those who have learnt to be ruth-

less and unscrupulous in underground opposition find it diffi-

cult to be sair minded and demo-

extreme rightist who called for a coup in El Salvador, has been

disowned; and support reaf-

firmed for President Duarte's

regime which, smid the appalling

bloodshed, has made some effort

America are different. There is

not the same immediate danger

of civil war and revolution. But

for a number of reasons American influence has been greatly

reduced, in what was once an

area on which it could rely on.

This is partly a matter of econ-

omic inroads made by Japanese and Europeans, partly of greater

self-confidence. It was a con-

Americans when they found

that neither Brazil nor Argen-

tina was prepared to back

them in their grain embargo against the Soviet Union follow-

lish good relations with the

initially upset some of them by

his human rights policy, had

been moving in the same direc-

tion. But the Reagan Administra-

tion should not give up the leverage it still has in the region

by giving the impression that it

rights. Whether in El Salvador, Argentina or Chile, it should con-

tinue to press with all its weight

for what are, after all, American

longer cares about human

In making an effort to reestab-

ing the Afghanistan invasion.

siderable shock for

The larger countries of South

cratic when in power.

at reforms.

For the moment, however, the

expedient

hood regime.

### Judging universities in industry's terms

From the Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University Sir, Mr Christopher Bland writes (March 14). "The possibility of having to close whole universities is being openly discussed. The closure of whole companies is far past the discussion stage . . . Unless real economies are made in the non-productive sectors of the public .

service. ". Three comments.

1. Real economies. Between 1972 and 1978 the University of Lancaster reduced its cost per student by 13. per cent. Since 1972 the cost of space heating have been reduced by 37.4 per cent (leading to a Gas-Management Energy Award): working temperatures used to be a joke, but are now beyond it. Adminijoke, but are now beyond it. Admini-stration costs have heen reduced from 7.2 per cent of the budget. in 1971-72 to 5.6 per cent of the budget in 1980-81. Support staff have been run down, so that highly paid and qualified staff now do work. (their pwn typing for instance) which support staff used to do: My impression is fan exerc count

My impression is (an exact count would be excessively costly) that the number of scientific papers written, inventions made and marketed, industrial and other consultancies, books of scholarship published, works of art created has been larger per member of staff in the later years of the decade than in the earlier years. Every effort, has been bent to holding teaching staff—the essence of a university but even here there has been a freeze on all appointments and vacancies, relaxed in the past sixreen months only in three cases. The number of students successfully graduating has increased each year. No labour troubles, What would the state of our affairs be if all enterprises throughour the state of the state o prises throughout the country could equal this record of efficiency; economy, and productivity? 2. The implied parallelism of closing universities and closing companies. The purpose of an economic policy leading to company closures is presumably to bring about the replacement of the unproductive or unprofitable or under-capitalized or uncompetitive with new enter-prises which will be none of these. The purpose of closing a university The purpose of closing a university would be to reduce the educational provision, so the analogy is inapt.

3. The non-productive sectors of the public service. Non-productive needs differentiating. The dustman is unproductive, as is the concert planist and the football player. Where education should lie on the

continuum of the "non-productive" sector from essential to desirable to disposable luxury is a matter of judgment, because no causal connexion has been demonstrated between the well-being of a society and its level of education. However, we note that a people that it luxuely we note that a people that is largely illiterate and has a low level of skills commonly poor. We also note that few of the developed societies have as low a proportion as Britain of people entering, post-school education, and few of the developed economies: have done as badly as Britain in the past three detades. I do not claim that nothing is wrong with our educational system. But I suspect that if we reduce it rather than reform it many of the other objectives of this or any other government will be rendered unattainable. Yours faithfully that few of the developed societies Yours faithfully, The The Comment

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P. A. REYNOLDS, University House, Bailrigg, Lancaster:

From the Head Master of University College School

Sir. The response of the Vice Chancellors to government cuts in expenditure on universities and further education has a certain hysterical note of unreality. The massive expansion following the Robbins report during the 1960s instilled the idea that the taxpayer would foor an exer-increasing bill instant lecturers, readers, and even professors were recruited from all professors were recruited from all sources to fill the vacant places in new institutions. Tenure was granted to most of them after a probationary period until the age of 67. I think the taxpayer has the right to know what tests of action and productivity are applied. We are not yet a structure and staffing with no sense of the realities of life in the 1980s. of the realities of life in the 1980s.

Roses, however sweet, need to be pruned. Ivory, towers have an elevation of their own. I recently received information about a new degree course being introduced at a certain University. The subject was "Dance", I am all for dancing but, nor when there is work to be done. Vice Chancellors, and their staffs might care to fee in the course. staffs might care to face up to some stubborn and reducible facts.

Yours faithfully, W. A. BARKER, University College School Frognal, Hampstead, NW3. March 13.

#### the President controls the Army, which is the key to power in Syria, and he has deliberately Sale of 'The Observer' courted the merchant class. which would otherwise be one of From Mr John Smith, MP for Lanark, North (Labour)

Sir, In 1973, when the newspaper, mergers provisions of the Fair Trading Act were enacted, Parliament clearly intended that certain concentrations of newspaper power should not be permitted without the possibility of public consideration of the issues involved. Thus the mergers of newspapers having a circulation of over 500,000 were rendered illegal unless reference, was made to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the consent of the Secretary of State was obtained.

One loophole was left, If a newspaper was not economic and there was a case of urgency, it was possible for the Secretary of State to consent without requiring a reference to the Commission. Through that loophole, Mr Rupert Murdoch with the help of the Government steered his way to the acquisition of The Times and The Sunday Times on the footing (not surprisingly still queried) that The Sunday Times was not economic as a going

Now an application has been made by Lourho for approval of the pro-posed acquisition of The Observer

concern,

without reference to the Commiswithout reference to the Commission. If in this case, the Secretary of State decided not to refer, one wonders what is the point in having on the Statule Book any purported system of control if it is so easily avoided. I do not know what is the economic condition of The Observer but I doubt if the out I doubt if its proposed acquisi-tion is a case of urgency such as-would justify a decision not to

If this occurs, three of our major newspapers, The Times, The Sunday Times and The Observer will have changed hands without there being any public consideration whatsoever of the consequences of these the consequences of these changes.

Speaking for the Opposition, I submit that it is imperative that the acquisition of The Observer is now referred to the Commission by the Secretary of State and I hope that it will be precible for others comcerned about the consequences for our press of recent developments to indicate their support for such a course of action.
Yours faithfully,

IOHN SMITH, Principal Opposition Spokesman on Trade, Prices and Consumer Protection, 1 House of Commons. Mary War of

## March 17.

#### Mrs Thatcher in Ulster From Dr John Cushnahan

Sir, I do not normally feel motivated to rush to the defence of the Prime Minister. Apart from the fact that she is well able to do it berself, I am totally opposed to many of the policies of her Government, particularly in the field of the economy which has resulted in a dramatic escalation in unemployment and inflicted further suffering and hardship on those who can least afford

However, having said this, I find the ellegations made in a recent letter to your columns by the Social Democratic and Labour Party spokesman, Dr Brian Feeney (March 12), totally unjustified and grossly unfair. Dr Feeney claims that her recent visit to Northern Ireland (and her speech in particular) was tainted with secturianism. As someone who was present when the speech was delivered I find this particular claim to be amazingly wild and hysterical and missing what I consider to be the main

military dictatorships of the Southern Cone, therefore, the Americans are pursuing an understandable interest. The Carter Administration, which had reason for her visir on March 5. Clearly Mrs Thatcher came to its erratic behaviour, as well as Northern Ireland to undermine the sinister campaign of Mr Paisley regarding the Anglo-Irish summit which is clearly designed to heighten community tensions and exploit them for his own narrow ends. In order to do this Mrs Thatcher had to state that her meetings with Mr. Haughey did not involve a "sellout and that the constitutional position of Northern Ireland will not he changed unless the people Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom Parkament decide otherwise. Because Mrs Thatcher once again reasserted the right of the

people of Northern Ireland to becide their own constitutional future Dr Feeney considers this sectarian. What is even more ropic is that this statement is persented from the sectarity fectly compatible with what the SDLP constitution itself says on the matter. But then it suppose that, given recent policy developments within the party, they do not want to be reminded of this! Dr Feeney then goes on to imply that the Prime Minister's remarks

on security were sectatian. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mrs. Thatcher's speech was punctuated with clear and unequivocal statements that the rule of law would apply equally to every-one and also that the security forces themselves must operate fully within the law.

Furthermore, I am surprised at the tone of Dr Reeney's letter, given the clear commitment that Mrs. Thatcher has given to the continuation of the Anglo-Irish summit. Mrs Thatcher's emphatic statement that this cooperation would continue and (in a clear reference to Mr. Paisley). that she would not be deterred from pursuing this policy by intimidation from anyone hardly bears the hallmarks of a sectarian statement. I would suggest it has more the qualities of statementship, is he therefore against the statement of statementship. therefore accusing the Prime Mini-ster of being sectarian simply because she doesn't support the policy of the SDLP?

IOHN CUSHNAHAN, neral Secretary. The Alliance Party of Northern 88 University Street,

Sir. Professor Browning and his co-signatories from Birkbeck college the Greek Cypriot authorities,

omit the fact that there were five days of violent fighting between the supporters of Samson and those of Makarios, between July 15 and July 20, before the Turkish army inter-

vened. That period was sufficient to drive Makarios from his post as President and very many Greek Cypriots, were killed and how many

went missing? Since 1974 both the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent have investigated the claim that 2,000 Greek Cypriots were missing. I understand that less than thirty cases remain unexplained. ...

Now that the two communicies are engaged in intercommunal talks it ill belies anyone to foster such a myth about missing Cypriots, especie ally one which only includes the Greek Cypriots. Yours faithfully, SPENS.

House of Lords.

March 16.

#### Budget: trade union constraints the same bands, and that in economic matters this requirement is not

From Lord Roberthall Sir, in your first leader of March
13 (Questions for the Wets) you
ask a number of questions about
the strategic objectives of the
Government You are certainly right

in saying that we cannot begin to have a rational debate about our problems until they, and possible solutions, have been clearly stated. You do not mention what many You do not mention what many people (including myself) consider to be the basic problem the constraints imposed by the power of trade indions on the Government's ability to act particularly in the public sector. It was these which led to the belief that full employled to the belief that full employment, and reasonable price stability
were incompatible except with an
incomes policy. The growth of
monetarism was at least in part the
outcome of the experience that this
was in practice at most a tamporary
palliative, with the disease more
virulent after eath experiment. We
are now speing that it does not
follow that because incomes policy
was a failure monetary policy must

was a failure, monetary policy must be a success.

This bears on the first specific question you ask. "Is monetary control the sole or sufficient way of reducing inflation?" Inflation is: coming down, at a very high price in terms of wasted resources, but it is hard to see this as a victory for monetarism, since the chosen mone-tary meaure (M3) is still going up. This is much easier to explain in

Keynesian-terms.
The Budget, however, seems to be based on an extreme form of mone tarism. The fall in inflation is partly due to the effect of our own policies on the exchange rate, and partly to the very severe pressure on the private sector, reducing both-profits and the size of wage settle-ments there. The Government's difficulties have been with the public sector, where both expenditure and the level of wage settlements have been too buoyant.

But the impact of the Budget will

not make either of these much easier. What it will do is to add to the pressures on the private sector. To the less extreme monetarist this sector seems to be treated like a whipping boy, to shame the real culprit; or as this is very unlikely, at least to relieve the feelings of the

tutor.
The purpose claimed for the Budget is to reduce public borrowing to help in keeping the mesey supply under centrol. But only an extreme monetarist would argue that a very tight money supply will restrain those who have a strangle-hold on essential services. It is of the greatest advantage to the country to have a leader those country to have a leader those country to these a leader those country to the action of the country to the third and the country to the services. try to have a leader whose courage is indoubted, but one can still have doubts about the strategy.

As you say, Sir, those who crisi-cise ought to say what they would like to do. My own view is that our troubles are now deep-rooted. The ideal solution would be 10 persuade the trade unions that it is in the interests of the vast majority of their members to moderate inflation; and that this requires an incomes policy which they themselves would help to police. But all efforts over the last thirty years have failed and it is Utopian to urge that we.

should try again.

If this is out of the question, the country will have to face the fact that good government requires power and responsibility to be in-

From Mr Christopher Gove-Booth
Sit. Forgive the simple-minded
statement that the Conservative.
Party is suffering a surfeit of
economics, the Labour Party a surfeit of politics, the electorate a
surfeit of both. For, one party to
say they don't give a fig for thePSBR is no better than the otherfinding the risk of inflated money
more immoral than the fact of mass
unestingleyment. weenployment.

British needs a return to the worship of sound money as little as it deserved the socialism offered by successive Labour Governments in the socialism which were den der der dest ettpo indus injob

Yours faithfully,

7a Carey Mansions, Rutherford Street, SWL

From Mr Christopher Gore-Booth

ROBERTHALL

the past—a socialism which now looks like a conspiracy between government and organized labour, with the consent of industry, to promote. inefficiency, under investment and high wages for the few, and pro-gressively higher levels of structural, gressively higher levels of structural, unemployment for the rest of us.

The one thing Thatcherite determination guarantees is a reversal of current policies in 1984: a reversal to be tempered at last by an emergent Centre. But is this Centre Back and control to the control of the control emergent Centre. But is this Centre both orthodox enough to protect the life-blood of private industry and radical enough to change our parliamentary, educational and financial-institutions which, unreformed, are such a drag on British emerprise?

"Can I at least implore Conservative and Labour politicians to stop-being appearance to stop-being hitting each other over the head with their sectarian handbags and the permit those constitutional, changes which will allow a central-allance to show what it can do for

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER GORE BOOTH

42 Ringford Road, SW18.
March 15. The later for colors for

From Mr. W. Bonwitt From Mr. W. Bonnett

Sir, Where else could I find the money (leader, March 16)? Simple, By a swingeing increase in all berting duties and gaming increase. Such an intrease would offset at least the duty on diesel fuel which it a direct tax on industry and probably most of the petrol tax increase as well.

And while the Chancellor takes in this suggestion he should show

and while the Chancellor takes, the this suggestion he should show sufficient sense to forget about the windfall tax? on hank profits, which is not only fatures but dangerous in its implications for the future and being retrospective, an immoral and dishonourable swindle. T have the honour to be Sir. W. BONWITT, 15 Shrewsbury House, Cheyne Walk, SW3. March 16.

From Mr A. L. M. Christie
Sir, "Where would you find the
money, then?"
By purting up income tax, of
course Income tax is the fairest Yours faithfully. A L.M. CHRISTIE,
The Street,
Old Costessey,

Giving the game away From Sir Robert Lusty Sir, Whatever the merits or other-wise of Sir Geoffrey Howe's and the Prime Minister's Budget, it has surely been an appaling few days for those, other than politicians, who have imagined they have been living within a democracy?
Has any normal man or woman of

experience thought for a moment that so important a part of policy as the Budget was at no time discussed at length and in detail by the entire Cubinet? Would any chairman of a public company decide upon such issues without consultation with his board? A few may, but if it came to light insubsequent trouble would be scath-ingly dismissed as irresponsible by

any inquiry.

The Prime Minister chooses her Cabinet colleagues and yet apparently dismisses the idea of full Cabinet involvement in the Budget as an impossible exercise because of

as an impossible exercise because of the danger of "leaks".

One is inclined to wonder if a more monumental self-revelationary "leak" has ever emanated from

any Minister, ler alone from a Prime Minister reputedly made of iron.
Yours faithfully, ROBERT LUSTY. The Old Silk Mill, Blockley, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Norwich:

From Professor A. R. Prest
Sir, It is reported by the media that Cabinet Ministers have, after their experience this year, been pressing for earlier information on Budget proposals than is customary. It is perhaps appropriate that this. should come on the fiftleth anniversary of a request to the then Chancellor, Philip Snowden, of a

similar nature. His unequivocal answer was: "Past experience has shown that a premature Cabiner disclosure is as a good as a full page advertisement. the Daily Mail." (David Marquand, Ramsey MacDonald, Jonathan Cape, 1977, p594.) Yours faithfully.

A.R. PREST, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2.

#### The Pope and birth control

From Mr Gerard Noel Sir, Fr Bernard Orchard (March 14) states that "the Pope knows that the whole moral health of the world is. involved in his fight against con-traception. The credibility of the Roman Church today is greatly harmed by such infortunate state-ments which pay scant attention to the lessons of history. Popes of the past, for example, thought that the moral health of the world was involved in their fight against the principle and practice of usury. In 1745 Benedict XIV solemnly declared it seriously sinful to reclaim anything but the exact amount of a loan. He was thus reaffirming 14 centuries of Churchteaching that the asking of interest on money was against the law of

In due course, however, this prohibition save way under the pressure of Christendom's collective conscience. The Papacy was in a dilemma as it does not like to rescind its past sole in pronounce-ments. So it "solved" its problem not by repealing its condemnation of the principle of usury (which it has never done) but by taking action through its Sacred Penitentiary. In 1830-in answer to increasingly anxious inquiries—a series of decisions was issued stating that the faithful who lent money at moderate rates of interest need not be "disturbed" in conscience pro-vided they were willing to blide by any future decisions of the Holy See. (Honour saved all round?)
. Eventually some such "solution"

will be sought for the present dilemma but probably and after it is already too late. Millions of Catholics have already left the M.E. WITT,
Catholics have already left the M.E. WITT,
Catholic Church because of reiters. R. C. H. WITT,
tion by, bardliners of their 1 Onkwood Park Road, N14
particular interpretation of Pope March 16;

Paul's famous encyclical. And about... half the world's remaining Catholics
—averaging our the various surveys
on the subject—do not believe that contraception is automatically sinful. It is dangerous and misleading to make the test of Catholic "loyalty" dependent on adherence to a noninfallible papal dictum rather than the voice of genuine conscience. It was Cardinal Newman who said, if I am obliged to bring religion into after dimer toasts I shall drink-to the Pope, if you please—bur's still to Conscience first and to the Pope afterwards." Yours faithfully, GERARD NOEL,

The Catholic Herald, Herald House, Bunhill Row, ECL

#### Dressing down From Mrs M. E. Witt and Dr. R. C. H. Witt

R. C. H. Witt
Sir, Your Fashion Correspondent
Suzy Menkes: (The Bride and The
Home March 7), cannot be allowed
to bring Queen Victoria to marplage (1840) in a crinoline cage
(invented 1855), particularly after
Mr. Dunches appears (for Mr Punch's parody (for Guy". Fawkes Day 1859): "God save our gracious Queen, Who won't wear. Crinoline."

And if the fashion enjoyed a shimber of a century, it had at least two periods of insomnia. Poirer's lamoshade tunic just before the First War, and Dior's "New Look " just after the Second. Yours sincerely,

1 Oakwood Park Road, N14.

#### Cut price air fares

From Lady Burton of Coventry and Ladv Elliot of Harwood Sir, Truly we live in an age of

bureaucracy: are systems made for travellers or travellers for systems? Since November we have been trying to get something done about the availability of cheap air fures; in particular to solve the system which last year allowed some five million discounted air tickets to be sold by bucket shops at discounts of up to 60 per cent when the law, the Government and IATA (the International Air Transport Association)

declare this to be illegal. It really is complete nonsense. What is the use of a law that everyone ignores—including those responsible for framing it? The Government says that IATA is a trade organization and that it is

impose its views on the members of that association. IATA says that it is powerless to deal with the ing the law.

even though last year the member airlines of IATA lost more than

or possible for a government to while Britain is lax in apply-

Of course airlines in membership of IATA are not allowed to discount their tickets to bucket shops: on the other hand at least 40 major airlines do so. Surely these airlines and IATA should now deal with the matter. After all, they are the trade organization. The holiday season is upon us. Travellers want cheap tickets and airlines want to fill otherwise empty seats. Legitimate agents want to sell cheap tickets—they have customers too. Yet they are not allowed to do so

ABTA (the Association of British

Travel Agents) has declared that the Government should either enforce the law or change it. It is indeed true that the last place to find the cheapest international faces available in Britain at present is a travel agency. Such a situation is unfair to ABTA members and unfair to travellers—in fact, it is plain stupid and an example of the bureaucratic mind. Surely it would he to the advantage of everyone concerned—government. IATA, ABTA, agents, airlines and travel-lers—if all cheap tickets were

standards of decency.

available to all retail outlets. Can nobody get rid of this red tape? We have done our best, Yours fairbfully. BURTON OF COVENTRY. ELLIOT OF HARWOOD. House of Lords.

#### Missing Cypriots From Lord Spens

fletter, March 16) perpetuate a myth, which has been encouraged when they write about 2,000 missing Cypriots. If they must write about large numbers of missing Cypriots, who have they omitted the 800 Turkish Cypriots missing in the

earlier troubles since 1963?
They say "During the two
Turkish military operations, in
Cyprus in summer 1974", but they



#### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March, 17: The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham

The President arrived at Gatwick Airport, London by air, The following are the names of the Suite in attendance: Professor I, S, Audu (Minister of External Affairs), Alhaji Umaru Dikko (Minister of Transport), Alhaji Shehu Musa (Secretary to the Government of the Federation). Alhaji ernment of the Federation!. Alhaji Idris Ibrahim (Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives), Mr Iliya Audu (Hon Senator). Dr Chuba Okadigho (Special Adviser on Political Affairs). Chief Olu Adebanjo (Special Adviser on Informanon). Alhaji Y. W. Sada (State Chief of Protocol). Mr Michael Prest (Chief of Personal Staff). Dr D. S. Tafida (Chief Personal Physician to The President) and Mr Charles Izoh (Chief Press and Mr Charles Igon (Chief Press Secretary to The President). The Duke of Gloucester, accom-

panied by His Excellency the High Commissioner for Nigeria, wel-comed The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the President was then received by: Lavinia. Duchess of Norfolk ther Majesty', Lord-Lieutenant for the County of West Sussex). Lieutenant General Paul Travers

General Officer Commanding
South East District). Air Marshal
Sir John Curtiss (Air Officer Commanding No 18 Group, Royal Air
Force) and Mr Norman Payne
(Chairman, British Airports
Authority)

Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, with The Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom and the Cen-tral Band of the Royal Air Force, under the command of Squadren Leader Nicholas Acons was mounted at the Airpo

tod at the Airport.

A salute was fired in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Major Robert Symonds.

At Gatwick Railway Station the following members of the British Suite, who have been specially stached to The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, were presented: The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell (Lord in Waiting). Sir Mertyn Brown (British High Commissioner in Lagos) and Squadron missioner in Lagos) and Squadron Leader Adam (Vise (Equerry in

Validing).

The President of the Federal The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. accompanied by The Duke of Gloucester, travelled by special train to Victoria Railway Station.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Prince of Wales. The Duchers of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Kent met The President at Victoria Station.

There were also present at the Railway Station:

There were also present at the Railway Station: The Baroness Phillips (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London), the Right Hon Margaret Thatcher. MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury), the Right Hon William Whitelaw, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Lord Currington (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Torence Lewin (Chief of the Defence Staff), Admiral Sir Henry Leach (Chief of the Naval Staff), General Sir Edwin Bramali (Chief of the General Sir Edwin Bramali (Chief of the General Staff), Air Chief of the General Staff). Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham (Chief of the Air Staff). Major-General Desmond Langleyt Gen-eral Officer Commanding London Districts, Sir David McNee (Commissioner of Police of the Mtrumissioner of Police of the Miro-polist, the Righ Hon the Chairman of the Greater London Council and the Lord Mayor of Westminster. Colonel Andrew Hartigan. The Life Guards (Silver Stick in Walt-ing) and Colonel Richard Hume. Irish Guards (Field Officer 'in Relanda Waltigut) were present. Brigade Waiting) were present.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st
Rattallon Weish Guards, with The
Queen's Colour, the Band of the
Regiment and the Corps of Drums
of the Battalion, under the command of Major Guy Sayle, was
mounted at Victoria Railway

by the Honourable Artillery Com-pany, under the command of Cap-tain Anthony O'Hagan.

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was conducted Republic of Nigeria was conducted to his Carriage by the Earl of Westmorland (Master of the Horse) and, accompanied by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, travelled to Buckingham Palace, a Carriage Procession having been formed in the following corter:

Falace, a Carriage Flocusion having been formed in the following order:

FIRST CARRIAGE
THE QUEEN
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF MIGERIA
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGR
The Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales
SECOND CARRIAGE The Duke of Gloucester The High Commissioner for Nigeria
Alhaji Y. W. Sada
The Master of the Horse

THIRD CARRIAGE
Professor I. S. Audu
Alhaji Umaru Dikko
Alhaji Shehu Musa
The Countess of Airlie
FOURTH CARRIAGE Albaji Idris Hrahlm Mr. Lliva Audu

Mr. Liva Andu
Dr Chuba Okadigbo
Lord Hamilton of Dalzeli
FIFTH CARRIAGE
Chief Olu Adebanjo
Mr. Michael Prest
Dr. D. S. Tafida
Sir Mervyo Brown
SIXTH CARRIAGE
Mr. Chreles Jeoh

Air Charles Igoh
Squadron Leader Adam Wise
Lieutenant-Colonel Blair
Stewart-Wilson
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
MOTOR CAR The Crown Equerry

The Carriage Procession was accompanied by a Sovereign's Escort, with two Standards, of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Major Hamon Massey, command of Major Hamon Massey,
The Blues and Royals. The
Queen's Guard of the 1st Battation, Coldstream Guards with The
Queen's Colour and accompanied
by the Band of the Regiment and
the Corps of Drums of the Battation, under the command of Major
Oliver Breakwell, was mounted in
the Quadrangle at Buckingham
Palace.

Palace.

The route of the Procession was lined by the Armed Forces.

The Mistress of the Robes, the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward and the Ladies and Gentlemon of the Bousehold in Malting week in averaging in the Gentlemen of the Bousequid in Walting were in attendance in the Grand Hall. Buckingham Palace, upon the arrival of The President of the Federal Republic of Niceses.

of the Federal Republic of Nizeria.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Bodycuard of the Yeoman of the Guard were on duty in the Grand Hall. A detachment of the Household Cavalry, dismounted, was also on duty.

The President of the Federal Republic of Nizeria this afternoon visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Clarence House.

The President afterwards at St James's Palace, received Addresses of Welcome by the Chalrman and Members of the Greater London Council and the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster.

The Oneen and The Duke of

Councillors of the City of Westminster.

The Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh gave a State Banquet
this evening in honour of The President of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria at which Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother, The Prioce of
Wales. The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon, The Duke
and Duchess of Gloucester, The
Duke and Duchess of Kent, and the
Lady Diana Spencer were present.
The following had the honour of
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President).
Specially Attached in Attendance upon The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell (Lord in Waiting), Sir Mervyn Brown (British High Commissioner in Lagos) and Lady Brown, Sauadron Leader Adam Wise (Equerry in Waiting).

Ambassadors and High

Ambassadors and High Ambassadors and right Commissioners

His Excellency the High Com-missioner for Mauritus and Lady Teeluck. His Excellency the High Commissioner for Nigeria and Mrs Yolah, His Excellency the

Netherlands Ambassador and Madame Fack, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Ivery Coast, and Madame Essienne the Ambassador of the Ivory Coast and Madame Essienne, Her Excellency the High Com-missioner for Canada, His Ex-cellency the High Commissioner for Australia, His Excellency the High Commissioner for India and Mrs Seyid Muhammad. His Excellency the High Commissioner for The Gambis and Mrs Bojang, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Chana and Mrs Badgie, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe and Mrs Zwinoira. Bis Excellency the Saudi Arabian Ambassador.

Members of the Nigerian High Mr M, Zubairu (Minister Coun sellor/Head of Chancery) and Mrs. Zubairu, Brigadier U. S. Yaro

(Defence Adviser).

The Cabinet

The Prime Minister and Mr
Denis Thatcher; The Lord Chancellor and the Hot Mary Hogg.
The Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs. Whitelaw, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Carrington, The Chancellor of the Exchequer and Lady Horse. Lady Howe,

Special Invitations Special Invitations
The Archbishop of Canterbury
and Mrs Runcie. The Right Hon
the Speaker. The Earl Marshal
and the Duchess of Norfolk. The
Baroness Phillips. The Lord and
Lady Peart. The Right Hon the
Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.
The Lord Chief Justice of England
and Lady Lane, The Right Hon
Michael Foot, MP, and Mrs Foot,
The Right Hon Gordon and Mrs The Right Hon Gordon and Mrs

ichardson. The Right Hon David Steel, MP, The Right Hon David Steel, MP, and Mrs Steel, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence and Lady Lewin, Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Leach, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Sir Lionel Brett, His Excellency the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Sir David and Lady McNee, Sir Alex and Lady Jarratt, Sir Reginald and Lady Smith, Major-General and Mrs Desmond Langley, The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster. The Right Hon the Chairman of the Greater London Council and Mrs Brook-Partridge, The Right Reverend Cecil Patterson, Mr and Mrs A. A. Shillingford, Mc and Mrs Brook-Partridge, The Right Reverend Cecil Patterson, Mr and Mrs A. A. Shillingford, Mr and Mrs Peter Baxendell, Mr, and Mrs A. H. M. Kirk-Greene, Chief A. M. A. Akinloye, Mr and Mrs D. R. G. Andrews, Mr and Mrs D. R. G. Andrews, Mr and Mrs M. H. Caine, Dr and Mrs David Carling, Professor Benjamin Enwonwu, Professor and Mrs L. C. B. Gower, Mr and Mrs J. Louden, Alhall Shehu Malami, Mr and Mrs William Menzies-Wilson, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Owed, Mr and Mrs David Plastow, Mr and Mrs J. Pollard, Mr and Mrs T. R. Prentice, Professor and Mrs C. W. R. Spedding, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP, and Mrs Stanbrook, The Reverend A. K. and Mrs Swann, Mr and Mrs David Williams, Mr and Mrs David Williams, Mr and Mrs Peter Wood, Mr J. B. Zochouls.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Households in Walting were in attendance.

the Households in Waiting were in attendance.
During the Banquet, The Queen gave the Tosat to The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to which The President repiled.
Detachments of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Gueen's Bodyguard and the Household Cavality.

Botzchments of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and the Household Cavalry, dismounted, were on duty.

The Orchestra of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Major D. R. Kimberley, and the Pipers of the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, under the direction of Pipe Major J. Johnston, played selections of music during and after the Banquet.

The Dyke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, this morning at Buckingham Psince received Erigadier M. J. D. Perrett-Young upon relinquishing his appointment as Director of the Corps and Erigadier B. A. H. Parritt upon assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon attended the première of Cinexsa Film Productions Ability is Where You Look For it and viewed an exhibition spon-

It and viewed an exhibition spon-sored by Opportunities for the sored by Opportunities for the Disabled, organized by the British Petroleum Company Ltd, at Britannic House, Moor Lane, ECZ. Major Justin Fenwick was in

artendance.

The Prince of Wales, Colonelin-Chief, The Parachute Regiment,
this morning at Buckingham
Palace received LieutenantColonel C. G. Thompson upon
retinquishing command of the 2nd
Bartalion and Lieutenant-Colonel
Lieutenant-Colonel

H. Jones upon assuming com-mand.
The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Sir Harry Trusted. QC, and Lady Trusted celebrate the seventieth anniversary of their marriage

#### Royal Horticultural Society awards two gold medals

## Big orchid display in spring show

The Royal Horticultural Society early spring show, camellia competition and rhododendron competition make a colourful display in the New Hall. Westminster, while the Old Hall is full of superbounding expends by grade and of superbounding expends of superbounding expensions.

in the New hall, while the Old Hall is full of superb orchids staged by trade and amateurs at the Bridsh Orchid Growers' Show.

Two RHS gold medals have been awarded, one to South Down Nurseries, Redruth, the other to McBeans Orchids Ltd, Lewes.

South Down Norseries have staged an excellent display of spring flowering trees, shrubs and butbous plants to win their gold medal. Three magnolias are cyecatching, namely Magnolia spengeri Diya', M. sargentiana 'Robusta' and M. mollicomata, all pink. These blend well with such shrubs as Cancilia 'St such shrubs as Camella 'St Michael', deep pink, Pieris 'Flame of the Forest', parch-

Flame of the Forest, parchment coloured, ami Corylopsis pauciflora, pale green flowers on bare stems. Colourful collections of daffodils and trilps and the fascinating Iris tuberosa, with green, almost black tipped petals make ground cover.

McBeans were awarded their well-deserved gold medal for a very large display of impeccably staged orchids filling a stand the full width of the Old Hell. Their centrepiece is of a collection of full width of the Old Hall. Their centrepiece is of a collection of paphiopedilums in shades of reds and yellows backed by the popular Cumhidium. Fort. George one of the best green flowered orchids with a slight fragrance, and other cymbidiums of similar colouring. Also staged are a large number

A gold medal in the Lindley range was awarded to Butter-field's Nursery, Upper Bourne End. Buckinghamsbire, for a collection of pleiones, ranging in colour from the white Pleione Snow White 'y yellow and white P. forrestii, pale magenta P. Stromboli', deep magenta P. formosona 'Oriental Legend', to the bicoloured 'P. Blush at Dawn'. Dawn .

Although very many plants were submitted to the committees for awards, only the following were considered of aufficiently high considered of sufficiently high standard for awards of merit; Corylopsis pluripetala, lime-green, from Chelses Physic Garden, London; Galanthus phicatus (subject to varietal trame), white, from Mrs. B. Chatto, Colchester; Ranunculus ficaria "Brazen Hussy", "yellow, bronze leaves, from Mr. C. Lloyd, Northiam; Phalaenopsis lippeglut "Ingrid", deep pink, Mr F. Hark, West Germany; Saphrolaeliocattleut Hazel Boyd "Frae", yellow, Odontiglas Joes Drum "Mout Millais", mauve-purple, Odontoglos-Odonciada Joes Drum "Moat Millais", mauve-purple, Odoncoglossum Ostro "St. Helier", winered, and Cymbidtum Petit Port
"Moat Millais", ivory-white, all
from Mr. E. E. Young Jersey:
Phalaenopsis Solvang "Portland
Star", cream, from Keith Andrews
Orchids Ltd., Plush: Wilsonara
Ravissement "Frincesse Pohara",
brown and yellow, from Vacherot
& Lecouffe, Faris; and Paphiopedilum panda M, Pearman "Gold
Coast", white spotted pink, Mr
J. K. Hughes, Cahfornia.

Mr W. G. A. Jenkin and Miss J. M. R. Jackson The sugastment is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Jenkin, of The Dennis, St Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, and Illian, vouceer daughter of

and Jillian, younger daughter of Major-General and Mrs A. J. Jackson, of Roughwood House, Fleet, 'Hampshire,

Mr H. C. Pasha and Miss N. J. Goldwater The engagement is announced be-tween Harold, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Pasha, of London, W1, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Goldwater, of London SW7.

Mr M. N. Pountain, RA: and Miss J. M. Johnston The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Wing Com-mander and Mrs Stuart, Pountain, of Dereham, Norfolk, and Julia,

second daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Johnston, of 93 Drayton Gardens, London SW10.

Marriage

plants grown under glass or in the open) is very well supported by exhibitors, who managed to avoid cold weather damage yester-day by cutting their blooms on Monday evening, leading prize-wingers include Mr. R. Strauss, Ardingly, who won the class 1 for any three varieties of Comellia japonica, class 15 for any three single-flowered varieties, class 29 for any three rose-formed and/or formal double varieties, and class
33 for any six varieties of mixed
types of Camillia japonica.
The Photoderiden Comments

The Rhododendron Competition The Rhododendron Competition classes also contained many entries of excellent blooms. In the main classes Mr E. A. T. Wright, Arduaine, won the prize for four species and Lord Aberconway and The National Trust. Bodnaut, received first prize for three variants of Rhododendron arboreum, also first prize for three hybrids.

Leading prizewinners in the British Orchid Show competitive Classes were:

Mr E E Young, Iorsey, McRean, rymbidium Perpelusi Challenge Trophy for 12 cymbidiums and Uroth Perpelusi Challenge Trophy for 12 cymbidiums and Uroth Perpelusi Challenge Trophy for six odonto-glossims: Mr J Rigg, Rochdole Sidney Thoro Perpelusi Challenge Trophy for group of orchids and ornamental plants Mr A V Dobell, Barking, McBean Orchids Trophy for Six cymbidiums: Mr F, R, Haynes, Derby, R & E. Raicillée Trophy for six orchids Mr F, R, Haynes, Capington, Wyld Court Orchids Trophy for six orchids Museum Berney, Rdman, Cakham, Burnham Museum Berney, Rdman, Cakham, Burnham Museum Berney, Dobelle Trophy or three phallass. Thory or three phallass. classes were:

The shows are open today from

#### Forthcoming . marriages

Mr J. H. Meyrick and Miss S. D. Blackman

The engagement is announced hetween John, only son of Sir Thomas Meyrick, Bt, and the late Joyce Lady Meyrick, of 40 Otho Court, Brentford and Gumfreston, Tenby, and Sandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. V. Blackman, of James Curson. of Lewes, Sussex.

Mr P. M. Dowling and Miss M. W. Scott
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs M. L. Dowling, of Bickley, Kent, and Marjorie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Scott, of Rossett Green, Harrogate. Mr J. A. Crill and Miss S. C. MacKichan The engagement is announced between John, son of Commander C. G. Crill, RN (ret) and Mrs Crill, of Northwich, Cheshire, and Shiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs 1. D. S. MacKichan, of Cooden, East Sussex. Mr R. J. Have and Miss C. P. Sheimerdine and Miss C. P. Sneinerune
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of the Rev
F. R. K. and Mrs Hare, of Buxton Vicarage, Buxton, Norfolk,
and Philippa, daughter of Mr and
Mrs R. T. Shelmerdine, of Driftway Farm; Felbrigg, Norfolk.

Mr R. A. Gins and Miss S. R. Cowan . The engagement is announced be-tween Roger Allan, son of the late Sandford Gins and of Mrs. Margaret Glns. of New York, and Shella, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Balley Cowan, of Chid-dingfold, Surrey.

Mr P. Hunter and Miss R. A. Carline The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Dr and Mrs Gordon Hunter, of Donnington, Newbury, Berkshire, and Harmione, only daughter of the late Mr Richard Carline and of Mrs Carline, of Hampstead, London,

Mr J. E. Morecraft and Miss A. Wells The angagement is announced between John E. Morecraft. of St Albans, and Ann Wells, MA, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. E. C. Wells, of Cardiff.

Commander J. Penny, RN (ret) and Miss Z. M. Baai The engagement is announced be-tween John, son of the late Mr and Mrs F. C. Panny, of St Ives, Cam-bridgesbire, and Zöe Margaret, daughter of the late Mr Keith Baal and of Deputy Mrs Anne Baal, of Mr T. W. G. Saunt St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. and Miss M. B. Valentine St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr J. P. Trigg and Miss J. M. Woolfenden The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eider son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Trigg, and Jacque-line, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Woolfenden, both of Wold-lineham, Surrey.

event, while systematic parterns of magnetic forces are inferred from the observations, they are thought to be too small to have much influence on the phenomenon.

The most striking feature of the

observations is that the intensity of radio emission varies substantially in as little as a week.

Because the telescope array can pick out features much smaller

than a second of arc, it has also been possible to follow the move-

ment of patches of luminosity, thought to correspond to the

thought to correspond to the movement of blobs of gas ejected from the star, for periods of 200

The distance of \$\$433 from the

the distance of \$54.3 from the solar system is estimated, on the basis of the radio observations, to be \$100 parsecs (16,600 light years). The beams of gas extend outwards from the central star for \$100.000 million that the star for \$100.000 million that the star for \$100.000 million that \$100.000 million t

500,000 million kilometres before petering out in the cloud of gas representing the accumulation of previous ejections from SS433. But the mechanism of this process

Source: Nature, March 12, 1981,

is as obscure as ever.

days or so.

## Latest appointments

Chairman of ITN Lord Buxton, chief executive of the Anglia Television group, has been appointed chairman of lade-Other appointments include: Mr Ansel 2, Harris to be appoin-ted honorary treasurer of Oxfam.

#### Luncheons

HM Government

Mr T. N. H. Bennett and Miss C. L. Bryce-Curtis The engagement is aunounced between Timothy, elder son of Captain J. W. H. Bennett, DSC. RN, and Mrs Bennett of Farleish Plain; Hinton Charterhouse. Bath, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs P. J. Bryce-Curtis, of Harvest Hill Farm, Blackboys, Sussex. HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scatland, was host at a function at Dover House, Whitehall, yesterday to mark the visit to London of the

The Chairman of the GLC was host 

Dinners

Angio-Israel Association Anglo-Israel Association
The Ambassador of Israel was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Baroness Elfot of Harwood was in the chair and the guest speakers were Mr Shimon Peres and Mr James Prior, MP.

University College London Law Society
The annual dinner of the University College London Law Society took place at the Law Society yesterday. The Attorney-General and Lady Havers, Lord Lloyd of

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 14, between Mr Thomas William Garry Saunt, cider son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Saunt, of Henfield, Sussex, and Miss Maria Balmain Valentine, younger daughter of the late Sir Alec Valentine and of Lady Valentine, of Etchingham, Sussex.

Holland, president of the society, were among those present.

Knighthood for judge

A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Warner on his appointment as a Judge of the High Court.

Moderator of the General Assem-bly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev William Johnston.

Royal Society of Chemistry
The President of the Royal Society
of Chemistry, Professor Str Ewart
Jones, was host at a luncheon
party held at 30 Russell Square
yesterday. The guests included:
Mr. David Howell, Mp. Mr. David
Crouch, Mp. Mp. Hon Professor
Mr. Mp. Mr. John Ley, Mp. Dr. P. J. V.
Aglius, Mr. A. N. Brawn, Professor
J. J. G. Cadouan, Dr. A. A. L. Chaillis,
Dr. L. A. Gray, Mr. B. A. Henman, Dr.
R. E. Parker, Dr. A. Robertson, Mr.
Walton.

Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, was host at a dinner held at Lancaster House yesterday in bonour of M John Peleocrassas, Greek Alternate Minister of Co-ordination,

Hampstead, QC, and Lady Lloyd, Mr Matthew Paris, MP and Mr W. Holland, president of the society,

## Roman bronze coins go to US collector for £15,000

rican industrialist starting a pri-vate collection.

The coins, which consisted mainly of the 12 Caesars, were in unusually good condition and the eighty lots fetched nearly 115,000. The chief buyer. Dr Armid Saslow of Rare Coins and Classimate £300 to £350) for a sestertion of Didia Clara, wife of Didius

Among other coins in the sale, which totalled £63,322 with 4 per cent unsold, was a denarius of Augustus, 278C-AD14, with a man Augustus, Poc-Apri, with a man presenting a child to Augustus on the reverse, which went for £1,200 (estimate £500 to £750), In the gold coins, a solidus of

Constantine the Great, AD 307-337337 from Thessalonica, fetched £1.100 (estimate £700 to £800).

At Sotheby's yesterday, an unusual pair of Qianlong bawks standing 10in high, splashed in hrilliant yellow, pink and blue enamels on the base, made the top price of £9.000 in the sale of fine Chinese export porcelain.

The price, paid anonymously by an American buyer, was as esti-mated. Also in the sale was an artractive familie rose dinner ser-vice, again Qianlong, each piece decorated with summer flowers chiefly in enamels, which made 55,000, again as estimated, paid by Heirloom and Howard, London dealers, Altogether the 259 lots brought in £141.353 with 6.6 per cent un-

sold,
In the second day of Sotheby's
printed books sale, Marlborough
Rare Books, London dealers, paid
£3,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000)

25.300 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000) for an nineteenth-century hook on furniture. The work was The Universal System of Household Furniture, a first edition copy, by William Ince and John Mayhew, thought to have been printed in 1762.

A first edition of A Collection of Designs for Household Furniture and Interior Decoration by George Smith, printed in 1808, made £1,700 (£800 to £1,200). The two days sale totalied £75,701 with 3.7 per cent unsold.

#### Latest wills

Willshire, left estate valued at £529,813 net. She left £10,000 each to the British Heart Foundarion. National Society for Cancer Relief, Cancer Research Campaign, Institute of Cancer Research, and Leukaemia Research Fund. Other estates include (net, before

Bowler, Ethel Gwendoline, of Swindon, Wiltshire, intestate £155.477

Horion, Mrs Ruth Annie, of Shrawley, Hereford and Wor-

#### OBITUARY

#### CHARLES WREY GARDINER Poet, editor and publisher

Charles Wrey Gardiner— Ross, was his wife and pre poet, editor, publisher—died deceased him by a couple of on March 13 in hospital, aged years.

For most he will be remembered both as the editor of Poetry Quarterly—the leading journal of the Neo-Romantic century house in Billericay, then at Vernon Place, Blooms bury and later in Crown Passage, Pall Mall, London.
This business, originally administered by poets (Nicholas Moore, Roland Gant and Fred

Marnaul later amalgamated with Peter Baker's Falcon Press by which it received an injection of capital but was later overtaken by bankruptcy.
Among other interests, the
house represented the imaginative work of anarchists and pacifists such as Alex Comfort, Kenneth Patchen, Henry Treece (whose beliefs did. not keep him from serving in the RAF), David Gascoyne, Kathleen Raine, George Woodcock and

others.
Charles Wrey Gardiner's own work included a number of autobiographies which present a vivid picture of poets' pubs and drinking clubs in the 1940s and drinking clubs in the 1940s and 1950s, and several volumes of verse which suggest the brical workings of an almost solipsist personality. A small booklet of his poems was published by Enitharmon Press just before Chrismas.

He leaves behind him unpublished the last of his autobiographies entitled The Octopus of Love, dealing with his extensive amorous life and his work

His career as a publisher and poet was somewhat late in manifesting itself. At Exeter College, Oxford, he read His tory; but left before taking hi movement in wartime and in the early 1950s—and as the founder of the Grey Walls
Press, first in his seventeenth—Press, first i the West Country with hi bride. Later with Betty div orced, he went to Paris and married his second wife Susanne, herself a pianist. He lived much on board his yacht with or without her, in the Mediterranean cruising abou the off-shore waters o and Spain. An atmospheric account of his life up to this marine period is found in his first autobiography The Colon

ies of Heaven.

The French poets, and particularly Paul Valery, now acti vated his own muse, and little by little he began to publish verse, which led him to Poems Quarterly.

The second section of his life-story next appeared under the title The Once-Loved God in which the literary and artistic figures of wartime Logi don flit through his otherwise much inward-turned prose, it is probably in his autobiographic with their vivid spy-hole vigas. tes on the personalities of the time—the denizens of the Mandrake and Fitzrovia—that he will live, rather than as a poet though Herbert Read spoke a the Byzantine nature of his verse with its strangely non-realistic portrayal of reality. The last published volume of his life-story. The Answer to Life is No. is an indication of

as editor and publisher.

Diaga, related to Virginia the assertive pessimism of the Woolf and widow of MacLaren Manichean lyrical elegist.

#### MR JAMES DOW

Mr James Dow, formerly letters). From then until his managing editor of The Sunday retirement in 1972 Dow exercised an increasingly beneficial influence on the conduct of the He was an outstanding example of the journalist who, though he may never figure in the annual awards for excellence, by his skill and influence makes

up his craft in Dundee and tas he was amused to admit) first exercised it on those romances for the lovelorn for which that city was noted. He quickly graduated to he wider world of newspapers, in turn becoming reporter, feature-writer, and editor of a variety of Scottish

papers.
RAF service took him to Italy (where he met his charming second wife, Alda, who survives him). He spent a short only signed contribution, after time there after the war, as a his retirement, was an appre film writer in Rome, before ciation of another celebrates making his way to Fleet Street "outdoor worker", the golfin-via Glasgow and the Daily correspondent, Henry Long-Record. He wrote and edited for the Sunday Chronicle and the Sunday Graphic, at a time reflect, with just a touch of when many newspapers still rue, on "the days when I used prospered,

title "managing editor" began in 1953, when he joined The Sunday Times as it was about to embark on its celebrated period of expansion, first under another (singling him out from H. V. Hodson as editor, then -most signally-under C. D. (Sir Denis) Hamilton, and finally Harold Evans. From production editor "Jimmy" production editor "Jimmy" in Italy Dow customarily Dow became managing editor limited his journeys to England in 1964 (in truth one of three so as to coincide (it was said with the title, an inconvenience he dealt with on the first day himself the office, surely awarby instructing his secretary that those still there did no that the word "joint" should need his presence to measure

paper, and particularly the life of the paper within the office He was a mainstay of the editor His quiet assertiveness with others (he was always the fire

Excellence in others possible.

Like many another journalistic Scot, James Blyth Dow took

to stimulate or to console, his to stimulate or to console his to console his to stimulate or to console his to availability to all who needed him-these qualities made him (in the epithet so pleasingly applied to him in the Sunday Times memoir, The Pearl of Days) "the general favouring as the general friend

Those who worked outside the paper, as for example the late Patrick Campbell Glenavy), found in him the in spirit and practice. Dow

Indeed, at times he would flourished whether or not they to be a journalist ", and recall prospered, assignments from his popular His transition to that mysterious blend of editing and administration implied in the good opinion of those he wrote about, even those notoriously difficult". Evelyn Waugh was one example, Noël Coward the crowd on some public occasion with the welcomin

cry, "Jimmy, my shadow!").

After resuming his residence Goodwood. He forbadnot appear on any of his their works by his standards.

#### PROFESSOR COLIN GRANT

A colleague writes:

Professor Colin King Grant, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Durham from 1959, died on February 26. He was

Born in 1924, he studied at Clayesmore School and at Wad-ham College, Oxford, where he took a First Class in P.P.E. in 1944. After three years as Assistant Lecturer at the University of Glasgow he spent ten years as Lecturer at Nortingham University. While at Durham, he was Visiting Professor on two occasions: once at the University of Maryland and once at the University of Bergen.

His years at Durham saw the building up of the Department of Philosophy to its present size. the establishing of Joint Honours with other Departments, and the making available of courses in the Department to undergraduates from all parts of the University. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts for two years, and his contributions to the Senate of the University were characteristic of himself and valued by his colleagues. Grant was a starkly and at

and he saw no virtue in saying leaves two sons.

what he did not think. For him compromise with dishonesty was a surrender of values that any University was instituted to de fend. The compromise might be with ideologies that subordinate the pursuit of truth to politica evaluation; or with views of education that make it an initi ation into social relationship rather than a laborious cultiva tion of critical intelligence these and other forms, wherever they were found, were targets of the his attack. So was the vocahu lary in which they revealed themselves to favourite abomi

nation was describing a Univer sity as "a community"). His generous, exigent teach ing, and his practical kindness to newly-arrived colleagues wert not interrupted by the painfu and partly disabling sciatical that he faced for years with his own blend of courage and realism. Last summer he suffered a stroke, but was mending enough to look forward to some lecturing in Easter second stroke in February led. to death within a few days." his friends are the poorer for

times disconcertingly honest He married in 1961 Dr Alison man: what he thought, he said, Stoddart Wallace, by whom he

towards the chill vision of

Beckett : three books of Etudes

en serie for piano (1965-72):

and a quartet En attendant (1976-77). He was also a conscientious writer on music

translator and teacher: since

1979 he had been lecturer in

music at Newcastle University.
Bill was a being who inspired at once affection for a generous

personality and respect for 2

searching intelligence. He will

#### **BILL HOPKINS**

Bill Hopkins, the composer, Rimbaud's ecstasies are drawn' died suddenly on March 10; he was 37. Born in Prestbury. Cheshire, he studied at Oxford and in Paris, with Olivier Mes-siaen and Jean Barraque, of whom the latter was a particular influence on his musical thinking. He accepted Barraque's example of dense thought propelled along strong, non-returning lines, and he accepted too Barraqué's insistence that music must be honest to the deepest workings of the mind. Being thus demanding of himself he produced no more than duzen compositions, including Sensation for soprano and four

be remembered with gratitude and regret by his many friends. by his pupils and by all who know or will know his music-His wife Clare and their twid instruments (1965), in which sons survive him.

Mrs Beatrice Eileen Purdy Mr William Desmond Cares died on March 12 at the age who has died in Cambridge. New Zealand, at the age of \$1. joined the Colonial Service in 1921 and was Chief Justice of Tonga from 1948 to 1955.

#### Birthdays today

Sir Edmund Bacon, 78; Major-General C. L. Firbank, 78; Sir Peter Kent, 68; Sir Robin McAlpine, 75; the Hon John Silkin, MP, 58; Captain O. M. Watts, 80.

A salute was fired from the Tower of London Saluting Battery

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, presides at Annual General meeting, Fish-mongers Hall, 11, opens Eastway Sports Centre of the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.
Quarter Mile Lane, Leyton, 2.45.
The Duke of Gloucester. Colonelin-Chief, Royal Pioneer Corps.
visits units in training, Salishury Plain, 9.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends Church of England Children's Society centenary thanksaiving service, St. Paul's Cathedral, Talks, lectures: "The role of the patron in Renaissance Art "; Diana Norman, National Gallery,

Diana Norman, National Gallery,

1: "The Academy ", Professor

Quentin Bell, Victoria and Albert

Museum, 1.15: Lent lecture by
the Right Rev E. Knapp-Fisher,
Westminster Abbey, 12.30: Into
the eighties. Blake Morrison.

National Poetrs Centre, 21 Earls

Court Square, ".20: The spirit
of the nation, Fleet Street: Sir

Larry Lamb, St. Layrence, loyer Larry Lamb, St Lawrence Jewry,

Linchime music: Concert by Mary Datcherd School, St Olave, Hart Street, 1.05, Janet White-side, Robert Ralph, Anthea Gif-ford, words and music, Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, Highbury, 1 Highbury, Chairman of the GLC at reception Appeal, County Hall, 6.30,
Memorial recycle: Oueen
Fredericka of the Hellenes,
Greek Cathedral of St Sophia,
Memory Pendal

#### Moscow Road, 6. 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, March 17, 1956 Bonn, March 16 .- According to reports from Communist sources which reached here today a bitter attack on Stahn was made by Mr thrushchev in a three and a half hour speech to the security session of the recent congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Moscow on February 25, the day before the congress ended.

Mr. Khenshchov, is said to have Mr Khrushchev is said to have painted a vivid picture of the regime of suspicion, fear and terror which prevailed under Stalin especially in his last years.

## Science report

By the staff of Nature Radio observations of the star called SS433 have confirmed that the object is indeed shooting but two streams of material in oppotwo streams of material in opposite directions, but have not advanced understanding of this hizarre object. That is the chief conclusion to be drawn from a report by Dr B. M. Hjellming and Dr K. J. Johnston of their observations of SS433 with the instrument known as the Very Large Array, a coordinated system of 22 movable radio-telescopes now operating in New Mexico.

Although SS433 has been observed, off and on, for some decades. Its peculiar properties

observed, off and on, for some decades, its peculiar properties were recognized only in 1978, on the basis of spectroscopic measurements with the Anglo Australian Telescope. These and later observations showed that the star is electing two narrow pencils of gas in exactly opposite directions, and moving at 26 per cent of the velocity of light (or 78,000 km a second).

The most widely accepted explanation of this phenomenon, unknown elsewhere in the galaxy.

unknown elsewhere in the galaxy, is that the source of the two iets of gas is a compact neutron star lying close to a normal star, most probably very much like the sun. Neutron stars, first recognized by

Harrow School Entrance scholarships and exhi-

nitions have been awarded to the following:

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K. Nier Sussey Rouse, as Cadogan

Square, London SWI [1] C. Wisont,

S. A. J. Hill, Bram ate School Scarbarnish Yorkshire Chifford Smith)

School, Huddrad, Surrey Toby

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Chientinos A. N. Robb, Aberdour School, Bugeh Heath Tadworth Surrey Strong, S. P. O'Riordan, St. Marlin's School, Northwood Middlesek (Bosen's J. L. McCurrath Holmwood Hovee School Levden, Coichester, Levex (William Woods), J. F. Green and Middlesek (William Woods), J. F. Green Cheek (William Woods), J. F. Green Cheek (William Woods), J. F. Green Surrey Index Sonior School, Ester Surrey Index Sonior School, Ester Surrey School, School School, S

## Astronomy: Enigma of star persists

the pulsating radio signals from some of them, are thought to be one of the end points of stellar evolution and to be formed in the observations, they are thought to be too small to have much information. On this view of \$\$433, the On this view of \$54.3, the neutron star's gravitational attraction is continually pulling material from the surface of its normal companion, in the process surrounding itself with a flat saucer-shaped volume of gas, presumed to be rotating rapidly above the neutron star. By some unknown mechanism, this accretion disc appears to accelerate some of its own substance to a speed of 78,000 km a second, pumping it out in two parrow beams on either

out in two parrow beams on either This description has been pieced together from optical and X-ray observations of \$8433 in the past two years. The two pencil beams

are not fixed in direction but Instead are wobbling, sweeping over a conical surface once every 164 days. It is not known why the velocity of the opposing beaus is as constant as it appears to be, nor why the beams are as parrow observed. radio observations now reported has been to search for evidence of magnetic forces that might

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vol 290, p 100. C Nature-Times News Service, 1981. account for some of the peculiar Wycombe Abbey Wycombe Abbev Onen

Scholarship has been awarded to Catherine Eden (Ravenswood School, Tweeron). The William Johnston Yapp Scholarship has been awarded to Fanny Howell (Windlesham House, Washington).

The Crosthwaite Scholarship has been awarded to Louise Clatworthy (Wycombe Abbey and St Swithun's School, Winchester).

Consent, Effingham).

The Walpole Scholarship has been awarded to Katherine Trinder (Windlesham House, Washington).

Exhibitions have been awarded to Cecella Hamilton (Island School, Hongkong). Olivia Lacey (South Hampstead High Junior School), Joanne Stephenson (High March, Beaconstield), Laura Pulay Washington).

March, Beaconslields, Laura Pulay

(Wycombe Abbey and Francis Holland School), Susanna Hogan

Gerrards

man since 1971 and has now come

to the end of his 10 years of office,

(Maltmans Green, Gertards Cross) and Lucinda Smith (Packwood Haugh, Ruyton XI Towns). The Whitelaw Scholarship (for music) has been awarded to Susanna Hogan (Malimans Green, Music Exhibitions have been awarded to Anna Callund [Godstowe School). Rachel Curtin (Wycombe Abbey and The Banda School, Nairobi), and Nicola Neary (Wycombe Abbey and St Swithun's School, Winchester).

By Frances Cibb
A fine collection of Roman bronze
coins or sesterril was bought almost entirely by a New Jersey
dealer at Christie's yesterday who
was bidding on behalf of an Ame-

cal Arts Ltd paid E680 (extimate E220 to E260) for a sesterrius of Galha, AD68-69, and £430 testi-

julianu∢. But the top price of £1,300 was paid by Baldwin, the London dealer, for a sestertist of Hadrian AD117-38 which had been estimated to fetch £450-£500. also to Baldwin

Church news

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Miss Henrietta Barnes Stubbs, of Bournemouth, left estate valued at £99,963 net. She left £4,300 and some effects to personal legatees and the residue equally between the National Children's Home Canter Research Campaign and RNID. Lady Warter, of Great Bedwyn,

of 87. As Eileen Armstrong she won a silver medal for high y Evans, of diving at the Olympic Games
.. £131,285 at Answerp in 1920.

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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

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**超 Stock markets** FT Ind 487.6 up 7.8 FT Gilts 69.82 down 0.10

\$2.2 190 up 1.10 cents Index 99.9 up 0.4

■ Dollar Index 99.1 down 0.2 DM 2.0867 down 48 pts

■ Gold \$492.50 down \$5

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#### IN BRIEF Kuwaitis

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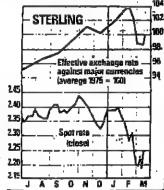
The Kuwait Investment

Office announced yesterday
hat it spent £210,000 adding
127,500 shares to its 34.1 per
tent "A" class stake in the
savoy the day after Sir Charles
forte launched his £58m takeiver bid for the hotel group. iver bid for the botel group. Sir Charles' Trusthouse Forte impire hopes to win control if the Savoy group at a meeting of "A" class shareholders og of "A" class shareholders which together control 51 per cent of the total votes. The Kuwaitis have already said hey will accept his offer. Frusthouse is unlikely to add o its \$8,000 "A" shares because under the rules of the oring his own stake is oring his own stake is frectively disenfranchised.

He has already asked Sir lugh Wonmer. Savoy chairnan to call special meetings of he "A" and "B" class sharenolders in order to put his fler to the vote. But Sir lugh, who has dismissed the akeover as wholly unwelcome and totally unacceptable will nday refuse to call the meet-

THE is offering 84 of its own hures or £165 cash for every UO Savoy A shares, and five f its shares or £9.75 for each B "share.

iterling stronger



Sterling was the beneficiary of a weaker dol-lar, touching \$2.26 before falling back to close more than a cent higher at \$2.2490. It also strengthened against continental currencies.

#### **Uranium** settlement

Westinghouse and the Tenwesungnouse and the len-lessee Valley Authority have eached what looks likely to be final settlement in their liti-tation with uranium suppliers, ncluding six members of the lio Tinto-Zinc group. The de-endants will sell (Vestingbouse) line million pounds of uranium retween 1981 and 1985 and will Tay the company \$39m in cash. The valley authority will reeive \$2m.

sas pricing call

Britain has urged the EEC ommission to keep up the ressure on the United States overoment to bring to an end he dual pricing of gas which las given American chemical nd textile industries a competiive advantage in EEC markets.

shipbuilding slump Output from Britain's shipards last year sank to 427,000 ons, its lowest level for almost 0 years, according to Lloyd's legister of Shipping.

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# Pressure on Fed to introduce tighter money targets From Frank Vogl Washington, March 17

Washington, March 17
American interest rates fell further today as it became clear that an increasingly bitter confrontation is developing between some influential Reagan Administration officials who want the Fed to signal a new and still righter money supply course.

course.

The rate for federal funds, the key short-term rate most directly influenced by the Fed's market operations, fell to 142 per cent from around 142 per cent yesterday. Citibank and Morgan Guaranty joined other big banks in dropping its prime rate to 171 per cent from 18 per cent. The declining rate is providing support to the stock markets.

The Fed's actions in the

The Fed's actions in the The Fed's actions in memoney markets, resulting in lower rates, appear to be stimulated by a softening of the economy and by the belief that the contraction of the money aggregates in recent months was greater than was necessary to secure the Fed's annual

money supply growth targets.
Some Fed economists expect
the economy to slow further
and anticipate that the decline
in loan demand will ensure that money growth remains on the Fed's desired course without it baving to drain further reserves from the banking system.

from the banking system.

The Fed also announced that industrial output declined on a seasonally adjusted basis by 0.5 per cent in February, after a gain of 0.4 per cent in January.

This is the first monthly drop in industrial output in seven months. A sharp fall in production of durable goods for the construction and home industries was the main cause of the

tries was the main cause of the decline. There was also a slight gain last month in personal

so that the money supply tends to contract sharply when

economic activity slows and tends to expand sharply on stronger general economic

activity. Such Such an attitude in the opinion of the officials tends to add to market uncertainties, fails to strengthen confidence in long-term declines in inflation and leads to the destabiliz-

tion and leads to the destabilizing course of interest rates that was seen last year.

In 1980 the prime rate soared in the first quarter to 20 per cent, plunged in the second quarter to 10% per cent and then rose in the second half of the year to a record 21 per cent. The sources indicated that the Administration has been repeatedly advocating to the repeatedly advocating to the Fed that a new statement should be issued announcing lower money supply growth targets and a clear determination to secure a smooth path of

money supply expansion. The proponents of this view seem to have convinced President Reagan that this will strengthen the economy and lead swiftly to lower interest

These officials argue that the new Fed statements and policies would very quickly provide a new sense of confidence in the markets to achieve price stability.
This confidence would tend

to stimulate savings and at the same time it would tend to reduce the inflation premium that is now evident in long-term

Elimination of this interest rate premium in interest rates would stimulate investment and so promote greater economic

The enhanced savings stimulated by lower inflation expecta-tions would finance increased private sector investment. For these reasons the offi-cials believe firmly that tighter Some administration officials are worried by what they see as the "passive" approach of the Fed, under which it is willing to allow broad economic trends to influence money industrials average closed 10.26 growth and interest rate trends, points down at 992.53. The Wall Street down: On Wall Street yesterday the Dow Jones industrials average closed 10.26 points down at 992.53. The 5-SDR was 1.23590. The £ was 0.548193.

# Royal Bank and Standard merge

Terms for the biggest realignmore than a decade were

announced yesterday, Standard Chartered Bank and standard Chartered Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland have reached agreement on their merger, and Lloyds Bank laumched a takeover for Lloyds and Scottish, the largest independent finance house in Britain.

Standard Chartered is offer-ng one of its shares plus 50p in cash for every five Royal Bank shares, and a further £760,000 cash for the two classes of preference shares.

classes of preference shares.

With Standard's shares closing 53p lower at 644p, the terms value the Royal Bank at £312m or almost 139p a share, about 50p more than the shares were trading at on Monday before it was announced that the two sides were in rolls: sides were in talks.

Both Lord Barber, chairman of Standard Chartered, and Sir Michael Herries, Royal Bank's chairman, stressed that this was not a takeover but a merger, and that the Royal Bank would retain its separate identity. Lord Barber said that his ex-perience in politics had taught him to be sensitive about Scot-tish opinion, although the first

indications from Scotland are that the deal has upset nationalist feelings. nationalist feelings.

After the merger, the combined group will have balance sheet footings of £19,000m and shareholders' funds approaching £1,000m. This will put the group on a par with Midland and Lloyds in the world league, although still well short of Barclays and National Westminster.



Lord Barber, right, extends a hand to Sir Michael Herries after the merger had been agreed in London yesterday.

Both sides yesterday emphasized that the two banks were complementary. Lord Barber said that it would have taken Standard Chartered years to build up a comprehensive United Kingdom retail network and it would have been just as difficult for the Royal Bank to build up its overseas presence. The two would be a near

perfect fit," he added. Neither side however seemed keen to expand on their plans for the expected push into retail bank-ing in England.

The Bank of England has raised no objections to the linkup and Lord Barber argued that there was no case for the deal to be referred to she Office of Fair Trading. Sir Michael Herries said that the move had not been prompted by fears of a bid from another quarter, despite much speculation in Royal Bank share over the last year. Announcing the merger terms, Standard Chartered said

that its pre-tax profits last year had risen from £169.8m to £232m and the dividend would rise by a quarter to 32.5p net.

## Lloyds Bank wins control of HP group

By Our Financial Staff

Lloyds Bank moved swiftly to secure full ownership of Lloyds and Scottish, Britain's largest independent hire-purchase group. It launched a 200p a share offer for the 60.7 per cent of the equity it does not already own, immediately after Standard Chartered and siddlary. Chartered Trust in

not already own, immediately after Standard Chartered and Royal Bank announced terms of their agreed merger. The move will cost Lloyds £145m and puts a price tag of around £240m on the whole

Lloyds Bank moved swiftly taking over Lloyds and Scottish

sidiary, Chartered Trust, it comes as no surprise that the two banks have declared that "they will enter negotiations with Lloyds Bank in good faith for the sale, on an arm's length basis, of Royal Bank's 39.3 per cent shareholding".

took the Lloyds holding up to 49.9 per cent. With Morgan Grenfell, an associate of Lloyds, purchasing another 0.3 per cent of Lloyds and Scottish equity, Lloyds now has a controlling interest. A further 1 per cent of L and

S's equity is controlled by trustees of Lloyds Bank pension

There was no immediate response from Standard/Royal Bank as to whether the terms

were acceptable but it seems a tion before lunch yesterday near certainty that the two will agree in return for Lloyds itself agreeing to the merger in respect of its 16.3 per cent holding in the Royal Bank of Scotland. With all the big finance

houses now controlled by the clearing banks, there was some stockmarket speculation that the smaller groups would be attractive to other bidders with Wagon Finance, Provident Fin-ance and FNFC all putting on a

Financial Editor, page 19 non-intervention.

#### Support scheme for ICL hits snags

By Andrew Goodrick Clarke Financial Editor

A last-minute hitch has developed in drawing up a plan for the future of ICI, Britain's remaining independent manufacturer of large computer systems,

One theory is that a scheme supported by the Department of Industry and involving some form of direct government aid, has run into opposition at Cabinet level.

The stock market appears to be backing a theory that ICL's. negotiations for a largely private sector solution to its liquidity problems have been upset at the eleventh hour by the appearance of a potential

ICL's share price, which collapsed after the group disclosed first-quarter losses of more than £20m in February, has been actively supported this small. this week.

The price improved by a further 3p to 45p yesterday on speculation that a bidder was about to emerge.

The names of three possible contenders were mentioned— Philips, the Dutch electrical giant; Siemens, the West German electronics group, and Nixdorf, a West German office computer business. Herr Heinz Nixdorf, the chairman, held a stake in ICL at one time.

Outside the stock market City followers of the electrical business and within the industry felt that an outright bid, either from a British company like GEC or a foreign group was unlikely, although the pos-sibility of a business like Philips participating in a refinancing package was not ruled out.

Others in the industry believe ICL's difficulties have been caused by its failure to shift its products towards the smaller computers now in demand.

Last year the group suffered cash outflow of just under £100m. With losses now mounting, the balance sheet is clearly in need of support. The Government is obviously

anxious to ensure that such sup-port is forthcoming while maintaining its political position of

#### Auditor pays Sir Ronald McIntosh £400,000 to Pentos

By Catherine Gunn An ex gratia payment of \$\, 2400,000 is being made to Pentos, the publishing and engineering group, by its auditor.
Neville Russell, the chartered accountancy firm. The payment is in respect of a review of Capian Profile carried out by Neville Russell for Pentos before it bought Caplan for 17m of shares in August, 1979.

Discrepancies in the Caplan accounts and profit forecast to eud-August, 1979, were discovered by Pentos after the purchase. Pentos is suing Malvern & Co. Caplan's former auditor, and Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, concerning the asset valuation and profit forecast made prior to the acquisition of Capian. The case is due before the

High Court in the second quarter of 1982. Pentos values its claim at £3.5m. Last year the Caplan family agreed to pay Pentos £350,000 over two years. A spokesman for the Insti-tute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales yester-day described the £400,000 payment by Neville Russell as "certainly one of the biggest ex gratia payments" ever made

by an accountancy firm.

"On the purely practical level it's far easier to settle for some amount than to go

some amount than to go through the uncertainties and costs of litigation, he said.
Caplan made less than £1m for the year to end-August 1979, against the £1.4m profit forecast, and the net tangible assets were £959,000 below Pentos' expectations.
Neville Russell has disclaimed all liability over the Caplan episode. It is to continue as Pentos' auditor. A spokesman for the accountancy firm yesterday would make no comment on the ex gratia payment.

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PRICE CHANGES

Sir Ronald is also on the boards of S. G. Warburg, Roseco Minsep, APV Holdings and London and Manchester Assur-

rejects Fisons post chief executive for months and performed

By Rosemary Unsworth Sir Ronald McIntosh who was due to succeed Sir George Burton as chairman of Fisons, the troubled chemicals and pharmaceutical group, has decided not to take up the appointment.

But Sir Ronald will remain as a director. Sir George will continue as chairman in a nonexecutive capacity, while Mr John Kerridge, chief executive, will take over the chairman's executive responsibilities.

The move follows Fisons' decision, announced last week, to shift its headquarters from London to ipswich as part of a cost-cutting exercise.

Sir Ronald, who is 61, said yesterday that he would have been unable to devote enough time to Fisons while living in London, "I would have been too remote from the chief executive and it would have detracted from my other work." He was to have taken over in May on Sir George's retirement

well", Sir Ronald sald. Mr Kerridge, who is 46, has been with Fisons for 20 years and was in charge of fertilizer division. Two large works at Imming-

ham, Humberside, and Avon-mouth near Bristol are being consolidated and some other sites are being closed, with the eventual loss of more than 1,100 jobs. The decision to close the

Mayfair offices in London involving 70 redundancies was made after the group revealed a net loss last year of £16.8m compared with a profit in 1979 of £12m. The dividend was cut by two-thirds.

Poor results were blamed on the recession in the United Kingdom, Europe and North America and on high interest rates. The strength of sterling was also reckoned to have cut £20m from exports.

Fisons suffered an additional blow in January when it was forced to abandon Proxicromil, a new anti-asthma drug, after development costs of about

Yesterday Fisons share price ained 10p to 143p although most of the advance took place "John Kerridge has been before the announcement.

Crash course in post-Armageddon for industrialists

## IMI to raise £27.5m by rights issue

By Peter Wilson-Smith IMI, the metals company, is raising £27.5m after expenses through a rights issue. The news accompanied better than expected profits for 1930, showing a fall of only 18 per cent to £28.2m. The shares closed lip up yesterday at 61p.
Sir Michael Clapham, the chairman, who retires next momb, said that since the last

ights issue in 1976 the group had invested £105m in expand ing at home and overseas.
Capital spending—£25m in 1980—was still running at a high level with investment in titanium, copper tube and aluminium operations. IMI wanted to be able to continue expanding.

The dividend, increased from 6.29p gross to 6.43p in 1980, will be maintained on the en-larged capital "unless the preent depression deepens even further or unforeseen circum stances arise "

The terms of the rights issue, underwritten by Hill Samuel, are two new shares at 48p for every seven ordinary shares held. Cazenove and Company is the broker.

Group turnover in 1980 rose from £612m to £629m, includ-ing a 19 per cent rise in exports

Financial Editor, page 19

## "Bonus rates again increased." EXTRACTS FROM THE STATEMENT

BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. A.M. HODGE To be presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 24th 1981.

New U.K. Premiums up 53%, Investment Linked Bonds Success. 12% Growth in Pensions. Increased Canadian Business.

#### UNITED KINGDOM AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Assurance Business Economic recession and continuing high inflation made last year a difficult one. At times such as these it is necessary to work harder to achieve the same results as in more favourable conditions. It is therefore with some satisfaction that I amable to report that the total premiums (single and annual) on new business in the U.K. last year, at £41.7m. were 53% higher than in the year before. In the Republic of Ireland our new annual premiums increased by 9" o to IR £1m. Two years ago we introduced a highly successful Guaranteed Bond since when we have

received single premiums of IR \$20m.

'IR £13.2m. in the first year and IR £6.2m. last.

For long our major class of business was with -profit endowment assurance policies taken out either for investment or for house purchase. There has in the last few years been a trend away from this for various reasons. Last year in particular, activity in the house purchase market was much lower than normal. At the same time there has been an increasing tendency on the part of the public to buy policies linked to unit trusts. To satisfy this need we issued a Capital Investment Bond contract in October 1979. This was highly successful and was followed last year by the Regular Investment Bond and a Personal Pension Bond. The performance of the invested funds underlying these Bonds has been remarkable. As an example, between its inception in October 1979 and 15th November 1980 our U.K. equity fund's unit price grew 55% compared with a stock market move-

ment of only 26%. Our aim is still, as it always has been, to produce those forms of life insurance which the public needs. Pensions Business

It is nearly two years since the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 came into force and the activity which that produced has died down. So many employers have recently reviewed the pension provisions for their staffs that new schemes in the market as a whole can arise only from that small number of firms deciding to provide pensions for the first time. Our Stamplan series of policies is particularly appropriate in these cases because they are based on a ready made trust deed and rules with Standard Life Pension Funds Ltd. as trustees. A better indication of the growth of our

business is given by the total premium income

received each year for all our insured schemes. Last year the total of annual and single payments was 12% higher at £121m. compared with \$108m. the year before.

Last year we invested £130m. in fixed interest securities. £67m. in ordinary shares, and £40m. in property. The proportions of the total fund in these groups of investments at market value were about 40%, 35% and 25% as at 15th November 1980.

We have continued to provide finance for the building of office blocks, shops and the development of industrial estates.

#### CANADA

**New Business** There has been a good increase in our new ordinary assurance business in Canada with new annual premiums up by 38%. Our success is due both to the introduction of new products and to an expansion in our sales force which grew from 165 in November 1979 to 185 in November 1980. I am sure, too, that the large increase of 66% in new annual and single premiums on group pension business can be attributed to the quality of our service, to the competitive rates which we offer and to

#### VALUATION AND BONUS

our excellent investment record.

The valuation basis, as set out in the Actuarial Report, is unchanged from last year and remains exceptionally strong. The surplus earnings of the company have benefited from a further increase in the yield on investments while during the year the market values of our investments, and in particular ordinary shares, have improved substantially.

Our bonus declaration reflects these favourable investment conditions. We have felt able to increase our rates of reversionary and terminal bonus in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and have also declared, for the first time, a terminal bonus in respect of U.K. individual pension policies. In Canada we have made significant increases in rates of reversionary bonus and have also increased the rate of bonus paid under withprofits group pension schemes. Bonuses under the latter contracts are paid in cash and

declared on a triennial basis. The declared rates of bonus are high by any standard and reflect the exceptional returns in monetary terms that accrue during inflationary conditions. It is therefore necessary to stress that current rates of bonus could not necessarily be maintained should investment yields subside in future to more

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## Squaring up to nuclear survival

Most industrialists, buffeted and bruised by the worst recession that most can remember, can scarcely contemplate any-thing worse. But members of the Nuclear Protection Advisory Group (NuPag) believe that industry and business should consider the possibility of a nuclear Armageddon.

However, remote this may appear, they have convinced more than 100 executives from leading companies that it would be worth while to part with £125 to pick up some tips on how industry might survive a

Heavyweights from companies like Unilever, ICI, Shell, the Central Electricity Generating Board will file into a one day seminar in London today organized by the NuPag with the theme: "Nuclear Attack; Prorection for Industry .

Deprived by the BBC of the opportunity of watching The War Game, the film made 16 years ago depicting the effects of a nuclear explosion, these stout hearts of British industry will listen to experts from Europe and America expound Beckert, its director general, do of course have more pressing their ideas on what British in-short-term problems to face in dustry should be doing now to fighting industry's corner in the

make life more bearable after a nuclear attack.
Mr David Widdicombe, Mr David Widdicombe, QC, chairman of NuPag, who headed the Windscale inquiry says "Millions of survivors would be described. be depending on essential in-

dustries operating again as effectively as possible. "That is why it is organt that businessmen understand and are able to implement survival tech-Diques.

Mr Ivan Tyrrell, one of the organizers of the seminar, explained: "The object is to highlight the extreme vulnerability of this country to attack by modern weapons, and to help business planners assess what they can do to protect their workforces and essential plant in the light of the possibility

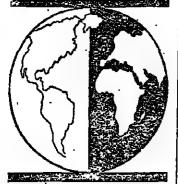
of nuclear war.' It is all highly commendable and far-sighted, but the event has failed to register more than a Hickering spark of interest at Centre Point, the London headquarters of the Confederation of British Industry. The CBI, and Sir Terence continuing battle for economic survival by many member companies.

Sir Terence will be at the regular monthly meeting of the organization's council, and the CBI has demurred from sending any of its officials to the holo-One of Sir Terence's aides

said last night: "In the event of a ouclear attack, we expect emergency committees to be coordinating the efforts of essential services and the activities of whatever industries survived." And many others may observe somewhat cynically that trying to run a business in Britain in

the present economic climate (particularly after last week's Budget) is a close enough parallel to a holocaust, and that there is no need to spend a day in London assimilating the finer points of the worst radiation hazard or how much damage the electromagnetic pulse given off by nuclear explosions will do to the communications system, computers and power

Peter Hill



### Gulf oil ministers in talks

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamaul the Saudi Arabian oil minister hosted a "crucial" four-nation oil conference in Riyadh amid speculation that a new oil production strategy was to be dis-

The meeting was attended by three other oil ministers— Shaikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah of Kuwait, Dr Mana Said al-Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates and Shaikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa al Thani of Qatar, In-dustry sources said the ministers were to discuss ways

review the latest developments in the world markets and devise a collective strategy of production in line with the new market realities", one Kuwaiti official said.

#### \$750m deal cancelled

United States Steel has can-celled a deal to sell \$750m worth of coal properties to Standard Oil Company of Ohio (Sohio). They were unable to agree on the commercial value of properties involved.

#### Swiss car sales up

Swiss car sales increased 1 per cent in February from a year earlier to 22,838 units from 22,160. Japanese car makers bowed the biggest galns, with Datsun sales up 160 per cent to 1,406 units, and Subaru up 109 per cent to 904 units.

#### US production fall

United States industrial production declined a seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent in Febru-Bry after a 0.4 per cent rise in January, the Federal Reserve Board said. February's decline was the first in seven months

#### Belgian jobless eases

Belgium's unemployment eased in mid-March to 376,000 or 9.1 per cent from 378,700 or 9.2 per cent a month earlier. The total was sharply higher than one year erlier, however, when it stood at 304,800 or 7.5

Excess capacity and low profit margins taking their toll

## Food canners foresee more troubles

Britain's vegetable and fruit canning industry, already down to about 15 factories compared to twice the number 10 years ago, is squaring up to the prospect of short-time working, jobs at risk and possibly closure of some companies.

At the Anglian canning arm of Associated British Foods, Mr Russell Taylor, the commercial director, believes his company may be the only canning enterprise which is not losing money. "Not that we are making much profit", he added.

Smedley HP, the market leader with about 20 per cent and part of Imperial Foods, was also in trouble, faced with closing its Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, factory with the loss of 430 jobs. Smedley, which has closed three factories already in three years, has consistently made sub-stantial losses in canning in recent years, according to the company.

The fate of Wisbech hangs on discussions just started with Tozer Kemsley & Mill-bourn whose canning operations, at Gorleston, Norfolk, and Maldon, Essex, are the largest for supply of own-label canned fruit and vegetables.

A new company jointly owned by TKM and Imperial Foods (part of the Imperial

Group) is being planned with a \$50m-a-year turnover, to be managed by TKM. It is hoped to have an agreement by the and of this month which would mean Wisbech continuing to manufacture although subsequent rationalization plans will result in the loss to some jobs throughout the new group.

TKM has also been making losses in

canning which it had hoped to halt by installing the latest machinery at Maldon. But TKM still faced canning losses last About half the industry is working

short-time, and some running at half capacity in the part of the year when non-seasonal lines like baked beans and spaghetti keep the factories ticking over before rhubarb, the first seasonal crop, comes in about the beginning of May.
But the peak of the cropping season, many canners will not be bringing in the. usual flood of temporary workers to keep the canneries going continuously. Chivers

Hartley, part of Cadbury Schweppes will be using only regular staff at its Montrose, Angus, factory. Canners cannot afford to carry too much excess stock because of the cost of the capital tied up. It reflects the continued decline in the

have declined 26 per cent in vegetables and in fruit to have halved as both frozen and fresh foods have taken bigger slices

of the market.

Already this month Lockwoods Foods, the Lincolnshire-based canners, has gone into receivership. Despite the closure of its Boston; Lincolnshire, factory-leaving four still operating-it is still the country's third largest canning operation with about 15 per cent of the market. -

The industry has been facing sales decline of up to 3 per cent a year for some time but this year canned fruit has been especially hit because customers appear to class it as a luxury on which to economize. But the factor that points to the end of more factories and possibly some of the smaller companies is the industry's estimated overcapacity of up to

Even if the receivers do not keep Lockwoods production going, there would still be excess capacity in what the Food Manufacturers Federation says is the worst-hit sector in food manufacturing.

Derek Harris

## Oil companies plan in Western oil markets. "At this crucial meeting the Gulf oil ministers are to review the latest development.

By Our Industrial Staff
Oil companies have begun to out back the number of officers in their tanker fleets. British Petroleum Shipping, which operates a fleet of 58 ships, confirmed yesterday that it was planning to cut more than 350 officers' jobs over the next six months, and industry sources suggest that Shell Tankers UK is planning to axe 100 jobs.

BP—which yesterday said that it was adding British Inventor, a 10-year-old Japanese-built 215,000-tons-deadweight tanker, to two products tankers already un for sale—confirmed that al-most one-eighth of the com-pany's 2,825 officers will face

redundancy. · The company has already begun discussions with leaders of the Merchant Navy and Ais-line Officers' Association over its plans to cut 367 officers' jobs. Officers will be offered enhanced redundancy terms for voluntary severance and early retirement over the next six mouths before compulsory layoffs are considered.

The bulk of the planned cut-backs will affect engineering officers, where 250 jobs are due to go, with the balance made officers, where 250 jobs are due to go, with the balance made up of deck, radio and catering officers.

BP's decision reflects the continuing recession

continuing recession and changes in the company's trad-

ing patterns.
The decision by the company to invite tenders for Eritish £16,000 is available to men in-Inventor, which has been laid the ports of Liverpool and up with other tankers in Brunei London who volunteer for the Eay since 1978, reflects con-scheme by April 30.

tinued overcapacity in the tanker market.

Shell, which owns or operates a fleet of 57 ships under the Brigish flag with a total crew complement of 3,800, would not be drawn on its plans for crew

reductions.

A spokesman for the company said: "Certainly there is nothing doing at the moment. Like every other tanker opera-tor we are short of neither men nor ships, but we have not thought about redundancies in any concrete way."

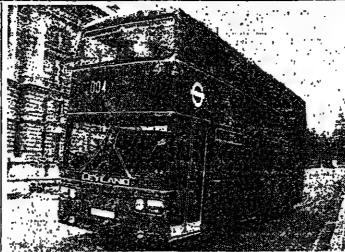
#### RCA plant closure

RCA International, part of the American-based RCA Corporation, is to close one of its facturing operations, a records and cassette tapes plant in Washington New Town in the North-east. There will be a loss

of 270 jobs.

RCA's factory on Jersey, in the Channel Islands, producing studio and other professional video tape cameras, is not

"golden handshake" scheme through which the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company plans to shed 1,000 jobs this year. The special payment of



The Titan chassis-less double-deck bus.

#### Leyland resumes production of Titan double-deck bus

By Clifford Webb Midland Industrial Corrrespondent

Leyland Vehicles has re-sumed production of its ad-vanced Titan double-deck bus ofter an interval of 10 months. during which its absence cost

£19m in lost sales.

A combination of falling bus traffic and smaller government subsidy on bus purchases has already cut demand from 2,300 double-deckers last year to an estimated 1,800 this year, and a 50 per cent drop in 1982 sales

Sir Michael closed the Park Royal factory in west London when workers refused to im-prove their "appalling pro-ductivity" record, and planned

to switch Titan to the Eastern Coach Works plant at Lowes-

The move had to be aborted when Lowestoft's skilled body builders refused to accept an influx of the semi-skilled labour needed to produce the chassi-

less bus. Finally it has settled in a new home at Leyland National, Workingtob, Cumbria, where the similar uni-construction National single-decker is built. The first Workington Titans will be leaving the factory later this month. But they will find different market conditions from those they left in May

lyon.

An official of one of the largest passenger transport executives said yesterday: "The general feeling is that Leyland has 'missed the bus' with Titan." with this will be an extra 10 per

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Changes to the Lloyd's Bill

Sir, The letter from Mr R. K. Nesbitt and others (March 16) illustrates some confusion in

the minds of the writers, for the following reasons: 1 In the general sense, Lady Middleton and her supporters are not opposed to the Lloyd's Bill However, by due process of parliamentary procedure, they are seeking logical and

2 Lady Middleron and the Association of External Names of Lloyd's purport only to represent the interests of the members of that association, and the suggestion to the contrary by vour correspondents is erro-

3 The application by the Society of Lloyd's to Parliament for the enactment of a Bill is a political act. The infant association seeks to amend that Bill: thus, this is also a political act. The writers must appreciate that immediately Sir Henry Fisher's report was published and found "overwhelmingly favourable" by the Committee to place itself above the law;

From Mr W. G. Pocton

try that it should have the unique ability to include equity

with loan guarantees under the proposed pilot scheme of bank lending to independent firms.

The ICFC was always one of the thost vociferous opponents

of the scheme, and even now I onderstand it has refused to participate in the scheme agreed between the Depart-

The Department of Industry must stand firm in opposing

those equity package overtures.

They are wholly alien to the concept of government loan guarantees, which are devised solely to overcome the laability

or unwillingness of many business borrowers to accept the

Sir, Following the minimal help for small business in the Bud-get, the Prime Minister has

get, the Frime Milister has announced that the day of Prince Charles' wedding will be a public holiday. A small business, half of whose costs are labour, will pay approximately 0.2 per cent of its turnover to celebrate the occasion.

With many just managing to make a profit of 2 per cent on

their turnover, perhaps 25 per cent return on their capital.

From Mr John Morgan

onerous conditions often London E required by those who are March 16.

Expensive celebration

ment of Industry and

Loans to small firms

From Mr W. G. Pocton

Sir, I was very disappointed to learn from your article of March 12, that the Industrial commercial Finance Corporation (ICFC) is trying to convince the Department of Industrial pate in the government loan guarantee scheme, let it publicate the personnel of Industrial pate in the government loan guarantee scheme, let it publicate in the scheme, announce the scheme is chould have the

of Lloyd's, all actions flowing from it towards Parliament are, of necessity, political in nature.

4 I find it difficult to accept that members of what is, by definition, the wealthiest socio-

economic group in the country, should find £50 a "high subscription". This seems to be a contradiction in terminology. 5 In a democracy, Lady Middleton is entitled to express her views; and if it be only in reasoned amendments to the

association with some 50 mem-bers of Lloyd's out of a total of 16,000 external names, then it is still entirely right and proper that she should be heard. 6 Even a humble prayer represented by a petition to Parliament, of necessity, costs money;

those of us who are prepared to support Lady Middleton's views will subscribe that money.

Lady Middleton and her colleagues have made it publicly clear that they only wish to improve the Bill before Parliament. No reasonable person can

engaged in the business of

pate in the government loan guarantee scheme, let it publi-cize its understanding of the need for the scheme, announce that it will enthusiastically sup-

port and promote it, and use it selely on "loan only" situa-

solely on "loan only" situa-tions and compete fairly with other bankers.

The government loan guaran-tee scheme together with the start-up-business rax incentive,

provide the essential elements necessary to revitalize much of

of this will only be counter-productive and further the concentration of economic power in the United Kingdom, which is the basic weakness of

our industrial structure.

The Union of Independent

I am sure no such thought is in the Prince of Wales' mind, and it would be so much bet-

ter if the country were to work

an extra three quarters of an

hour for the preceding fort-night (making a conventional 71-hour day), so that we celc-brated the wedding on an

Yours faithfully, W. G. POETON,

earned holiday.

JOHN MORGAN, The Down House,

Andover, Hants SP11 9AA.

Yours etc,

Appleshaw,

Companies.

relationships and obvious c flicts of interest (Fisher); lookes, inter alia, to ensure t the great majority of nan who (financially) control base of Lloyd's, should be fa represented.

Surely, no impartial per can object to these aims? Herer, it is now unlikely t Parliament will allow the p tion to go by unheard. Certail the vast majority of the mbership voted for a new I (myself included); but Lloy goes before Parliament as a s plicant on self-regulation, ; the Bill must be open to der cratic debate and if need amendment. Parliament n feel that the establishment Lloyd's can continue to gow itself only if it listens thoug fully to other Yours faithfully.

JOHN FOLLOWS, Fisenham. Nr Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire.

#### Miners' co-ops

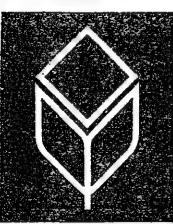
From Mr D. Hindson Sir. Mr Horn (March is makes a perfectly valid poin in suggesting coal pensir funds be used for some degre in independent production coal through miners' cooperives. The 1979 NCB Sa Superannuation Report sha f252m invested in property the South-east, £61m in a whole of the Midlands a North-east where most of a

produced. Lessons must be learn from the Mondragon experient in Spain, where ea worker entering the scher had to put up £2,000 of lown money. (Todays required) ment, I do nor know.) Whethere is this commitme success is more than like There are numerous sm mines working at present our country—I wonder he many are cooperatives? Yours faithfully,

D. HINDSON, 6a The Chase. Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7DD

#### Fate of TR7 From B. G. Muirhead

Sir, According to your rept (March 14) on BL's TR7 at its performance in the Unit States export market, a strocurrency is fatal to a mode profitability and success. Girthe legendary strength of f German mark, is it not then fore somewhat surpoising the fore somewhat surprising the highways of California a packed with Mercedes as Porsche sports cars ? B. G. MUIRHEAD, 25 Warrender Park Terrace, Edinburgh, EH9 2LS, Scotland.



# Brooke Bond Liebig Interim Results: Salient Features

## Extract from the Interim statement of the group for the six months to 31st December 1980

·	1980	1979
Sales outside the group	£325,988,000	£342,778,000
Group trading profit before interest	£22,778,000	£26,118,000
Group profit before taxation	£19,328,000	£24,206,000
Group profit after taxation	£11,372,000	£14,329,000

#### Results

Comparisons are distorted by the fact that UK profits in the corresponding period of last year were favourably influenced by the deferral of advertising expenditure caused by the independant television strike and by higher than normal sales of imperial packs of tea prior to

Adjusting for these factors, grocery trading produced higher profits partially offset by somewhat lower returns from meat interests.

Overseas distribution companies recorded good results with strong profit improvements in France and South Africa. Further benefits accrued from loss elimination in the Argentine, but plantation profits were adversely affected by falling crop prices and higher costs.

The integration of Mallinson-Denny into the group is proceeding as planned following the completion of the acquisition on the 26th

The board confirms the indication given at the time of the offer that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, it expects to recommend net dividends in respect of the current financial year to 30th June 1981 of not less than 3.905p per share (the rate payable in respect of the year ended 30th June 1980).

#### Interim Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.25p per share (the same rate as last year). This dividend will be paid on 1st July 1981 to shareholders on the register on 29th May 1981 in respect of the 306.465.057 ordinary shares in issue (last year 257,123,051).

The amount of the interim dividend will be £3,830,813 (last year £3,231,714).

Copies of the full statement will be sent to all shareholders. Additional copies may be obtained from the Society's Brooks Bond Liebig Limited, Thomas House, Queen Street Place, London EC1R IDH.

Brooke Bond Liebig is an international group encompassing food manufacture and distribution, the timber industry, agriculture and horticulture, agricultural chemicals, micro-biological products and fine chemicals, commodity trading, printing and packaging, insurance broking, distributive agencies and other activities.



# Highlights of the year 1980

1980 was a remarkably successful year for the Group. Harnings rose, due to the expansion of our clientele throughout the year and to active bullion trading, especially in the first half. In the light of international instabilities, we increased liquidity and carefully monitored credit risk and interest rate movements. We also enlarged our capital resources, which at year end stood at over US\$ 800 million. The year marked the 25th anniversary of the foundation of Trade Development Bank's predecessor, Sudafin. The bank's subsequent growth has brought it to the point where it is the largest foreign-owned bank in Switzerland and the past year was again a record one for earnings and customer deposits. The bank's equity capital at year end amounted to Sfr. 371 million.

Republic New York Corporation, of which the Group owns 61%, raised its dividend twice in the year, reflecting an earnings increase of nearly 100%. At year end the equity of its subsidiary, Republic National Bank of New York, was US\$ 448 million, making it the 21st largest bank in the

During the year the Group sold half its strategic gold investment at a profit of US\$ 11 million. This is treated as an

iog exceptional profit

excluding exceptional profit
Average number of shares ourstanding during the year

exceptional item in the financial statements. Since the year end the Group has sold the remainder of this investment, producing a further exceptional profit of USS 5 million. While the Board cannot count on a repeat of the exceptional bullion trading conditions of 1980 the new year has started promisingly and the Board is recommending an increase in the regular dividend from US\$ 0.75 to US\$ 1.00 pershare, together with a special 25th anniversary bonus of US\$ 0.25 per share. 11th March, 1981 EDMOND J. SAFRA Chairman

US\$ 270 US\$ 270

US\$ 4.55

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1980

Assets	51st De 1980 US\$	cember 1979 6000	Liabilities		31st Dec 1980 US\$	19*9
Cash, balances and advances to banks Bank confilicates of deposit Precious metals * Financial paper	5,358,401 711,866 293,047 1,823,307	301.501 1,872.732	Deposits, balances due to customers and inner reserves Accused interest parable Other liabilities		8,629,053 142,649 108,317 8,880,910	6,263,595 126,302 54,381 6,484,278
Government bonds (USA and UK) Floating rate bonds Other honds and securities Costomer current acrounts and advances	636,36 231,544 526,147	49,369 353,288	Capital and loan funds: Sinking Fund Notes 2002 at Sinking Fund Debentures	si 2004	6n,000	60,000
Chromer current arrounds and anymous Fixed assets Accord interest receivable Other assets	1,756,047 28,828 83,622 137,464 102,424	1,690,395 42,247 60,591 83,941 117,763	2001, 2002 and 2005 Notes 1900 Floating Rate Loan 1985-199 Floating Rate Notes 1986 Other Joans	0	155 850 28400 25 000 35,000 21,004	85,000 40,000
			Minority interests Shareholders' tension Share capital Reserves		24 751 297,421	39,435 107,435 24,630 228,539
*Perion unbedged by			Total sharchelders' funds		322,172	253.149
80: fors.mt.sale: 1980: US\$ 7,897.000 1979: US\$ 64.188.000	9,689,333	7.071.297	Total capital and loan funds Contingent liabilities: Letters of credit and cuarantees		9.689.333 9.689.333	585,030 = 071,097
Net earnings after taxes, min including exceptional prof excluding exceptional prof	ority interests: ic	the year end and transfer t	ed 31st December	1980 74,834 63,655	197 <b>9</b> 44.587	3(2,12)
Earnings per share: including exceptional profi				1756 4 55	44,387	

Trade Development Bank Holding S.A.

Principal Subsidiaries

Trade Development Banks, Geneva \* Republic National Bank of New York, New York
Other affiliates and offices in: Athens, Beirut, Buenos Aires, Caracas, Chiasso, Frankfurt, George Town, Hong Kong,
London, Los Angeles, Lunembourg, Mexico City; Miami, Monte-Carlo, Montevideo, Nassau, Panama City; Panis, Punta del Este,
Rio de Janeiro, Santiago de Chile, São Paulo, Tokyo.

Standard Chartered and Royal Bank of autumn when housebuilding could be strat-Scotland have had to steer a difficult course between asset values and earnings in determining the terms of their merger. In the event it looks as though the short term benefit lies with Standard whose 1-for-5 offer plus 50p cash values Royal at 139p after the 53p slump to 644p in Standard's share price as the market adjusted to the ertra 45m Standard shares that would need to be digested.

This is around 90p below last December's asset value but against that Standard can show a much healthier earnings outlook rights issue with larest year pretax profits on a sharply rising trend up from £170m to £232m while Royal's £100m pretax in 1980 represents a cyclical peak. And there are some worries that Royal's downward trend could hamper Standard's prospects over the next few

But Standard will have access to Royal's strong capital base which will improve its own weak ratios considerably—free equity Orises to almost 3 and the free capital ratio goes to 4.4—and may be seen by some as a disguised rights issue and at the same time is getting a useful United Kingdom tax base to solve its looming problems on this front and appears to be avoiding any earnings dilution along the way.

For Royal the benefits appear to be much onger term, exposure to overseas banking and the build up of its United Kingdom etail network. Bur both sides were stressing he sound strategic sense of the deal yester-Jay and denied suggestions that there was invihing defensive.

Lloyds Bank itself wasted no time yester-lay in putting in an offer for Lloyds & scottish after Standard's agreement in prin-iple to dispose of Royal's 39.3 per cent tolding. The logic of that move has always ooked compelling and while its 200p a hare offer fully values L & S representing omething like twice asset value, there are udden benefits to Lloyds in the deal. For me thing full consolidation of L & S will rovide a useful contra cyclical source of earnings to domestic banking. More mportant is likely to be the tax shelter loyds will enjoy from L & S's leasing side nd the entree to the consumer hire purhase sector where Llyods has traditionally

A third party bidder for Royal now seems nore remote than a monopolies reference lthough if the new grouping does emerge s planned at the moment it can claim that ompetition will be increased. For investors he realignment in United Kingdom bankng reduces the scope for investment in the ector and there is still a suspicion that negalomaniac bank managements are pushing for concentration for concentration's

3arratt

#### Still bucking he trend

arratt Developments, Britain's biggest ousebuilder, claims to be unique. The stock sarket interprets that as being unorthodox.
But figures eventually speak louder than reconceptions. The shares jumped 24p to 26p, a new peak yesterday (at one time ist year they were 80p) when Barratt pubshed interim pre-tax profits to December n by some 3 per cent to £11.89m while armover rose by 24 per cent to £128.56m. a the year to last June profits rose by 6 per cent to £24.7m.

Suggestions that its profits simply relected a policy of buying land cheap and elling it dear are rejected by the company. larratt maintains that the cost of carrying he land negated any such profit. Barratt ays it decentralizes selling more than any ther compenitor; and that up to a quarter .f its homes are now timber framed which. quans they can be built more quickly. Morever, a policy of subcontracting means that mall builders hungry for work can take he strain when business is tough.

Barram is no longer subsidizing mortages; and expects the housebuilding industry to pick up quicky this year: It should omplete 12,000 or more homes against 1,000 last time. It will then have around 11. ier cent of the market. As the year proresses, housebuilding costs and prices will nce again move in opposite directions. In be latest half year the two United States equisitions did little to contribute they re being switched to the Barratt style of elling-but they are scheduled to do a ot more in coming years.

Debt is still only 60 per cent of funds mployed and if, as some say, Barratt reorts profits of £27m this year to June, here will probably be no cash-call until

ing to explode into expansion. Barratt is still under-represented in the South of England where margins are fattest. The shares still yield a well covered 7.7 per cent, and seem likely to come in for further

IMI

## Plumps for a

IMI's results were not only better than most engineering companies have been able to manage during 1980, but also better than the market was expecting. Although volumes were down by over 5 per cent, profits have only fallen from £34.5m to £28.2m pretax, and even this was after charging £5m of

redundancy costs.
So IMI is taking full advantage of these figures by tapping the market for £27.5m at a time when the balance sheet is looking strong. Before the issue IMI had net borrowings of only £53m against £200m net



Sir Robert Clark, who will become chairman

tangible worth. Inevitably the rights issue has given rise to speculation that a major acquisition is on the way.

The other point for shareholders is that in real terms IMI is not generating enough profit to maintain the business and also pay dividedns at the current rate. The dividend was uncovered under CCA in 1979 and may be again in 1980, when it will cost £12m net and very likely more assuming there is still unrelieved ACT to pay.

Profits in 1981 may even be held around last year's levels with help from the interest on the rights money and the promise of a maintained dividend on the enlarged capital assuming nothing drastic happens is likely to carry more weight in the short-term than worries about CCA.

Brooke Bond

#### Ahead in Britain

profits, down almost £5m to £19.3m, are not strictly comparable with the 1979 figures since those results were distorted by the deferral of television advertising expenditure and the abnormal sales of imperial tea packs in the run up to metrication.

The United Kingdom contributed 52 per cent of the £22.8m operating profits, a sharp rise from the 40 per cent of only about a year ago. This is a deliberate policy, largely encouraged by the high rate of tax on foreign earnings in their country of origin.

Despite trade destocking and the High Street price war, retail tea margins remained good, while Brooke Bond's share of the market was maintained Baxter, the butchers, made higher profits in the first half, helped by heavy Christmas spending. But the other side of the domestic meat business, the slaughtering, suffered from the high price of livestock and foreign competition. The profit contribution fell from

about £500,00 to break even. Overseas earnings down about £500,000 to £10.8m and the unusual factors in the comparable period of the previous year cut trading profits by £3.3m. It was interest charges soaring from £1.92m to £3.47m which hit

pretax profits.

This increase was mainly attributable to he cost of the 29 per cent stake in Mallinson-Denny. That company's profits will be included in the final figures, but so will the interest charge for taking control of the timber importers."

Nicholas Hirst and Michael Pres

## Wrestling with the politics of uranium

may pick international partners to collaborate on the building of a prototype fast breeder reactorof commercial size in the

United Kingdom. The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority hopes that it will. It has told the Government that it thinks that a fast reactor needs to be built and it is naturally keen to move on from the experience gained on the two small-scale plants it has operated at Donneray in Scot-land to the logical next stage of development.

A choice of international partners, which would help to defray thecost of the new reactor (likely to be at least balf as much again as that of a conventional nuclear station) would set in motion the process leading up to the ordering of a demonstration commercial project within the next few

Opposition, is likely to be strong, however. The great advantage of the fast reactor is that its use of uranium is some 60 times more efficient than that of the conventional thermal reactors which form the Government's intended nuclear

Government's intended nuclear programme at present, but it is tecvnologically more advanced and relies on plutonium, an element used in the production of nuclear weapons.

Before a decision is taken to build a fast reactor, the Government has promised a public inquiry, which is likely to be fought as bitterly as was the application to increase the reprocessing capacity at Windscale four years ago. Much of the argument may depend on the argument may depend on whether fast reactors are economically necessary.

difficult (or vastly more expensive to obtain) faset reactors will come into their own. Too early a start on a fast reactor programme could be a waste of money and public servants' time; too late a start could leave Brimin dependent on imports of another highly

expensive fuel.

At first glance Britain's supplies of uranium look precarious. The 12½ per cent of Britain's electricity generated by nuclear power involves the use of 1,500 metric tonnes a year of uranium ore. All the United Kingdom's requirements are met by imports from only two suppliers, a contract for about 10,000 short tons (a short ton is a birde less than a metric expensive fuel. ton is a little less than a metric ton) from Rio Algom in Canada ending in 1982 (to be replaced by a contract for a broadly similar amount over 10 years to 1992) and a contract of an un-

disclosed amount from the Rossing mine in Namibia, Dependency on only two sources, particularly when one —Rossing—is in a potential unstable country whose future is in doubt, might appear to be extremely worrying. In fact there is enough uranium in Britain for there to be no immediate worry if either contract were to be cancelled. Both were agreed when Britain's nuclear power programme was expected to grow far faster than it has. The delay in commissioning the advanced gas cooled reactors, largely ordered during the sixties, has meant that stocks have

But while stockpiles might give us an adequate breathing now approaching balance and there will soon be another three nuclear stations on stream.

The Civil Uranium Procurement Directorate, which was set up in 1979 to coordinate the buying policies of British Nuclear Fuels, the South of Scotland Electricity Board and the Central Electricity Generating Board, is aware of the pro-

political. Only six countries are producing the material—Australia, South Africa (including Namibia), Canada, the United States, Gabon and Niger.

In 1977 Canada placed a moratorium on exports to

moratornem on experts to Europe because it believed that it was unable to gain sufficiently satisfactory assurances on safeguards against weapons proliferation. Australia, under Mr Gough Whitlam, delayed mine development and exports of uranium; and the United States, under President Carter, placed stringent restrictions on placed stringent restrictions on the use of uranium enriched in its plants and exported for use

In overseas reactors.

Britain was able, because of its stockpile; to help out a German utility which had run sernan unity which had run short of supplies, but with a programme now which involves building roughly one new nuclear power station a year for 10 years, the procurement directorate is keen to diversify its\_sources.

Its sources.

It appears to have plenty of time to do so. During 1980 worldwide cancellations of nuclear orders were higher than the number of new orders placed and the spot price of uranium fell sharply. Indeed,

not an open-ended source of American utilities have sold supply. Imports and usage are out material from their own stocks, undercutting producers, and sometimes producers have bought from the utilities to sell

But the present lack of demand for uranium could create problems for the future if it means that new mines are not put into production. A further problem is that supplies are often tied into firm contracts for the enrichment processes necessary to make the uranium usable in reactors and these contracts have run shead

these contracts have run ahead of utilities' needs, creating addi-tional stockpiles of prepared material Steady stockpiling policies by

Steady stockpiling policies by power station authorities could keep demand rising smoothly, however, Mr Philippe Drayman, of Uranium Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann, suggested to the fifth annual symposium of the Uranium Institute last September that maintaining world stockpiles of between two and a half and three years forward requirements over the next few years would secure sufficient years would secure sufficient new mining capacity for future Certainly, the United Kingdom authorities have been fairly relaxed in their procur-

ment policies. Negotiations were undertaken for supplies from the new Ranger mine in Aus-tralia, but it was decided that the terms were not sufficiently advantageous. The Rossing con-tract runs out, without an auto-matic renewal, in 1984 and for political as well as strategic reasons an attempt is bound to be made to spread supply risks elsewhere. Ideally, by the 1990s

would like supplies from about five countries under a dozen or so medium size contracts.

It would also like about a quarter of its supplies to come from operations in which it has an interest. Since 1974 the Central Electricity Generating Board has taken partnerships in consortia searching for

uranium. It now has interests in the United States, Canada, Australia and in several African states, although none of them have yet produced uranium finds in commercial quantities.

Uncertainties over the future will always remain. Uranium mines have an average life of 10 to 15 years, whereas a nuclear power station should last for at least 30 years. Additional curplies in the United rional supplies in the United Kingdom are, however, available from the reprocessing of spent uranium, which will increase sharply when the expansion of British Nuclear Fuels' plant of Windscale in Fuels' plant at Windscale is

Britain has no need to be "panicked" into going for fast reactors. Its need for them depends on how the international market in uranional bases to desire the results of th likely to develop and whether alternative technologies, such as wind, wave and ridal power, can provide energy supplementary to that provided by conventional fossil-fuelled and nuclear plants at competitive cost,

But a country without its own uranium supplies must become increasingly vulnerable to supply interruptions as the world becomes more reliant on nuclear power. The fast reactor provides an insurance policy. The problem is deciding when the procurment directorate to take it out.

## Hard times in America's 'motor city'

Detroit Like the American car industry, which lost \$4,000m (about £1,800m) last year, the citizens of Detroit—America's "motor

city"—have had to change their life-styles. The car market has been depressed for about a year

and the industry has been forced to lay off hundreds of thousands of workers nationally and tens of thousands locally.

"I see people coming into the welfars office who have never been in one before because they have always been able to make it on their own able to make it on their own somehow", says Mr Clifford Schnell, a state welfare department official.

"Most of the people believe that they will be able to get another \$10-an-hour job in a car plant some day. They don't realize that times have changed."

The most recent unemployment figures for January, 1981, showed 290,000 unemployed in the Detroit area compared with 253,000 in December and 230,000 in January, 1980. Of these about 50,000 were car workers will alighbe to progress. workers still eligible to receive

The local unemployment rate in the Detroit area was 14.4 per cent in January compared with 11.3 per cent one year earlier.
During the peak period for layoffs last spring, it was much
higher, with estimates for total unemployed in the city put at

more than 20 per cent.
Typically, a car worker with
a wife and two children might
take home \$1,200 (about £520)
a month while working. First laid off with unemployment insurance and supplemental untake home 95 per cent of that amount.

After those benefits expire. rypically in about 26 weeks, his benefits under a state programme of assistance for dependent children of the un-employed would total about \$600 s month to cover the cost of shelter, food and clothing for his family. The unemployed man would

also receive \$100 a month in food stamps, which he can exchange for food at markets, and his family medical and dental bills also would be paid. The single worker on general assistance would receive about 5250 a month after his unem-ployment insurance and supplemental unemployment benefits

For many laid-off car workers the initial benefits have now

The citizens of Detroit are feeling the effects of cutbacks in the car industry



Waiting "in line" at the Detroit unemployment office: the proportion of workers without jobs

assistance.

The local business activity index, which is a good indicator of real income, fell by 19 per cent last year " says Mr David

"The lowest cyclical point was last June", be says, "We are definitely off the bottom of the cycle." the cycle."
Mr Littman believes that the

long-term position will improve. but there will be no dramatic improvement in the short term. The decline last spring corresponded to the period of heaviest lay-offs, although real disposable income fell only slightly, because of unemployment in-surance, supplemental unem-ployment benefits, trade readjustment assistance and other

transfer payments.
The changing life style of the city manifests itself in various ways. Local merchants have reported a drop in consumer buying in "blue collar" areas and many restaurants say there has been a noniceable fall-off family budgets.
But if earing out has become

a luxury many can no longer

expired, leaving only general afford, the consumption of Many taverus report an in-crease in their business but surprisingly perhaps, in view of Littman, an economist who is the widespread despondency vice-president of Manufacturers and the higher than usual in National Bank.

National Bank. "It was the sharpest decline not found any corresponding since the 1958 recession. increase in the crime rate.

increase in the crime rate.

The entire city is acutely aware of these problems because local newspapers, television and radio stations have given blanker coverage to the bad economic news, complete with pictures of long queues of unemployed and empty shopping centre car parks. There are real fears that Reagan administration budget

cuts in social assistance pro-grammes could have an imme-diate and severe impact on Detroit. Officials in Detroit and other area communities are particularly wornied that plans to cut food, stamp benefits, funded in part by Federal aid, could have an immediate effect on the unemployed.

Another "vital" programme which will be trimmed is the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, which com-munities have used to retrain in the lunch and dinner trade and Training Act, which com-because of sharply reduced munities have used to retrain expense accounts and restricted laid off workers, train and hire the hard-core unemployed and provide part-time employment for urban youth.

Detroit has state legislature to allow —indeed, quite the comrary, to raise local income tax rates Many raverns report an in to help the city meet its budget to help the city meet its budget deficits. Mr Littman said that raising the tax rates now would be economically the worst thing "the city could do.

In fact, the city of Detroit and the Michigan State govern-ment are both faced with massive budget cuts, tax increases or both, to compensate for lower income and sales tax

Mayor Coleman Young who has personally interceded on behalf of the city and the car industry in Washington, is credited with having generated a renaissance" in Detroit and his administration is now try-ing to maintain that image in the face of the local economic problems.

"In spite of the unprece-

dented crisis in the car industry because of rising prices, high interest rates and an unsettled economic picture; Demoir's remaissance is continuing", he

and an increased attention to our port", he says. "Renais-sance is, above all, a matter of the spirit and culturally Der-roit is slive and well."

But in spite of the announced plans to diversify the local economy a scheme to create a free trade zone in the port and other attempts to lure business other than the car industry to the area, there is an under-standing that this is still the "motor city."

Indeed, General Motors plans to close its Cadillac plant but replace it with a newer facility, if it can get the necessary tax incentives and survive a legal challenge from the residents who would be displaced by the new plant. If it fails, the city will lose another 6,000 jobs.

And the shrinkage goes on. Chrysler closed one plant in the area last year and is to shut another one this year, eliminating another 2,600 jobs. Both General Motors and Ford have plans to trim their salaried

the Detroit area.

## Business Diary: Unnatural breaks? • Tripe à la mode

here was little cheer for the Ommercial television industry nights close to its beart—Huw beldon, the former managing rector of BBC TV and ichard - Marsh, one-time abour cabinet minister and ow deputy chairman of TV-M. the successful breakfast cial promotion. levision consortium.

Both beamed happily at the unch of a new company degned to take advertising venue away from the existing mmercial stations and, what more to do so in a way hich the conventional teleom imitating. Sir Huw, Sir Richard and cult to

arrait are the three big names gned to cash in on the home

pe usually at about £20,000 time, which will then be sold the public for about £13 a

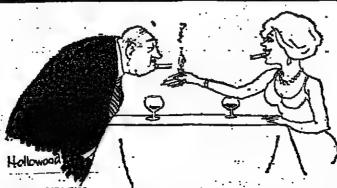
One of its first efforts will volve Pedigree Petfoods, hich has financed a feature ititled All you need to know

which is likel yto infuriate the television companies. Home video is in something of a priviing under no formal code of advertising practice. Independent television does and is strictly forbidden from using an editorial format for commer-

So, popular as Commercial video's programmes may be-come, they could never be broadcast in Britain: Eric Starkey, who is the company's marketting expert, says that it will keep to the spirit of the Code of Advertising Practice, though, sion companies are banned as the code is not meant to apply to home video, it is difficult to see just what this

But all is likely to become clear within a few months. New he have a personal stake in clear within a few months. New powers for self-regulatory control of home video advertising and the new teletext services, CV offers manufacturers the such as the Post Office's Preslance to pay for the producted, which are also outside the on of a one-hour pre-recorded present legislation, are reported to be on the way, probably from the Home Office.

"BP Polystyrene improves Austrian Beer" is the unlikely headling over an announcement from the oil company. It turns lout dogs. Pedigree products out that the poor Austrians do pear not: in commercial not swallow the stuff. Poly the next war, he promised not as part of the genal programme. It is this of beer vats to remove sediment, which eventually had to be



"I don't feel so awful accepting your posh cigarettes costing about 5p each when I can offer you the use of my lighter newly taxed at 35p."

Francophobes really must subscribe to the monthly review of France's leading private bank, the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas. . The latest issue treats us to

a lecture on Britain's downfali. The slide started, the bank says when Winston Churchill, as Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1925, fixed the exchange rate of sterling at the prewar level, thus provoking an economic crisis and setting the country on the road to ruin.

As Prime Minister during

paid for with overpriced social Our "splendid isolation? lost us the empire, replacing it with nothing; our trade nuions are Malthusian and our businessmen are financiers rather than industrialists.

The distinctly unflattering survey concludes that Mrs Thatcher's real aim is michange in depth the socio-logical behaviour of the British, but that she has failed. This is seen as proof that it is impossible to change mentality and behaviour by decree, not preconceptions funny people mention · about those across the Channel.

• Walter Goldsmith, the direct that there is still plenty of tor general ofthe Institute of Directors, who is never slow to offer advice; now has some for Lord Soames, the former Gov-erno rof Rhodesia.

Soames returns to Salisbury next weekto lead the British delegation at a conference of international organizations' and governmers discussig the counreconstruction development.

Goldsmith, just back from his second visit since the lifting of sanctions, says that the British Government should concentrate its aid on specific projects and act in partnership with indus-

try.

The railways were in particular need, having been starved of investment, he said.

Goven the Government's reductance to cough up the investment Sir Peter Parker has demanded for our own railways.

it would surely be ironic if Soames followed that bit of

As far as purely private business investment is concerned, let no one in England think that they have any advantage Goldsmith says. They will have to operate against inter-

national competition." He thinks that the battle has been already lost as far as re-structuring the telecommunications network is concerned, but

opportunity in other areas.

Sure enough, somebody at British Aerospace, Weybridge, has identified the mysterious model of an aircraft, which was found in a locked cupboard bought three years ago from its predecessor, the British Aircraft Corporation, and men-tioned here on Monday. It is, it seems, a Vickers

Supermarine 569, a missile designed in 1957 to replace the cancelled Blue Steel stand-off bomb and it was to have been carried in the bomb bay of the Victor bomber. · ·

So we were wrong in suggesting that with its wingtip engines it was a design for a vertical take-off aircraft, but we were right in saying that like so many other British aircraft projects since the war, it was cancelled

What on earth is happening to the National Health Service? Struggling through a hailstorm in Holborn yesterday, I was somewhat bemused to meet a group in face masks and green surgeon's gowns pushing what appeared to be a patient on a trolley: "Fancy contributing to research at St Bart's, sir?", asked the leading medico, war-

ing a collecting box. David Hewson

"We are building for the future with the emphasis on diversification of our economy

staffs by as much as 15 per cent, which will eliminate thousands of further jobs in

There may be differences about whether this cutback in the car industry is cyclical or permanent, but there is general agreement that Detroit is not out of the economic woods yet and that even the expected spurt in car sales later in the year will not make the unemployment queues disappear immediately.

But hope does not die easily There also is the feeling that there is indeed a road back to even if it is in disrepair.

**Edward Lapham** 

## Developments Limited INTERIM STATEMENT RECORD SALES AND PROFIT

During the half year to 31st December, 1980 the Berratt Group continued its controlled expansion which enables it to report, yet again, record interim turnover and profit. The following are the Half Year Half Year 31sr Dec. £'000 128,538 £'000 103,368 11,887 9,259 1,325 10,231 7,934

record number of houses were built and sold, through a alional increase in market share, particularly in Southern national England. England, Solo, which was successfully launched at the Ideal Home Exhibition last week exemplifies once again, the Company's innovative approach to product design and markening, which has

indovative approach to product using and marketing, which has made it the market leader in the industry.

The planned expansion of the Group's property investment portfolio has continued, and it is on target to achieve a rent roll of 64 million by June, 1982. The current programme of industrial and commercial developments includes an increasing number in

Contracting activities are showing a marked improvement with eatisfactory profit and a strong forward order book. Sound progress is being achieved in both property conversion, and leisure property.

The initial U.S.A. acquisition in Southern California is now

commencing expansion, the second U.S.A. acquisition in Northera California, McKeon Construction Inc., which was anicoused on 17th November, 1980, for a maximum consideration of \$32 m<sup>-13</sup> in is due for completion shortly, on fulfilment of certain conditions, including the consent of McKeon Stockholders. In the nine months ended 30th November, 1980, McKeon's unaudited net earnings after tax were \$3.2 million.

As stated at the time of the capitalisation issue the Group is declaring an Interim Dividend of 3.5p per share, representing a 25% increase over the comparable dividend last year, cayable on 29th May, 1981 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 16th April, 1981. It is anticipated that the final dividend will show a Comparable increase on four April, 1981. It is annerpated that the final dividend with show a comparable increase.

The Group's current trading remains strong. Unused bank facilities of almost £50 million, coupled with an excellent land bank, will enable it to take advantage of the markedly improving

L. A. BARRATT, Chairman

Stock markets

## Bank takeover news sets firm trading tone

institutions saw equities maintein their recent rally vesterday. Strong overnight support for

Wall Street, which enabled it to stay above the 1,000 mark, saw trading begin on a firm nore with electricals again Sentiment was also helped by

the latest round of takeover news among banks with both Standard Chartered and Royal Bank of Scotland returning from suspension after their merger proposals. Standard opened 47p lower at 650p, before diving to 620p and then recovering to close at 644p, a net fall on the day of 53p, Royal Bank of Scotland was in better form and rallied 40p to 136p.

The bid from Lloyds Bank, up 7p at 315p, for Lloyds & Scottish, 40 per cent owned by Royal Bank of Scotland, pro-vided fresh stimulus as the shares rebounded 19p to 198p.

Elsewhere, the general shortage of stock and subsequent bear squeeze kept jobbers on their toes adding an exagge-rated stant to most price move-

.In the event, the FT Index. which was 29 higher at 10 am, eventually closed up 7.8 at 487.6.

Government securities encountered profit taking after their recent strong performance. But the Government Broker was still able to activate the new tap Exchequer 12! per cent 1990 at £15 5/16 but it was later with-drawn

Year ended

31 December 1979 £000

3,262

Selective buying of second 278p, Unilever 7p at 490p and gains due mainly to the thin liners by most of the leading Fisons 10p at 143p. But most conditions. Barclays added 7p institutions saw equities maineys were firmly focused on to 388p, National Washington GKN, up 3p at 131p, ahead of figures later today.

> In the meantime, Metal Box hardened 4p to 170p, Hawker Siddeley 6p to 280p while Turner & Newall rose 3p to 79p amid ralk that South African interests were at work.

Most of the major City investment analysts were anxiously avaiting their turn at a meeting last night at the Insurance Institute to tax the board of ICI about future prospects. However, they are likely to be con-fronted with yet more gloom. The shares yesterday added 4p

The takeover fever seen in banks and financials worked through to the rest of the sector, Bank of Scotland jumped 10p to 302p but Grindlays, for a long time favoured as a take-over candidate, relapsed 7p to 176p. In financials, Provident Financials climbed 12p to 146p. followed by Wagon Finance 4p to 53p. But FNC reverted to unchanged at 311 after an earlier rise of 11p at 33p. This flurry of activity again pushed the main clearing banks into the background with small

1980 Results

1. The recommendations of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies

regarding accounting for foreign currency translations have been adopted for 1980.

Profits and losses of overseas companies for 1980 have been translated into sterling

Exchange differences arising from the re-translation of the opening net investment in these companies and their retained earnings for the year into sterling at the rates of

2. The Group's share of the profits, less losses, of major associated companies amounting to £0.6 million (1979; £2.1 million) has been included in profit before taxation. 3. Provision has been made for the payment of a bonus of £1.8 million (1979: £2.2 million)

The UK Corporation Tax credit has been calculated on the basis of a rate of 52%. The

proposals of the Consultative Document on Stock Appreciation Relief issued by the Board of Inland Revenue in November 1980 have been adopted. The provision for

deferred tax on Stock Appreciation Relief has been wholly released and Advance

Corporation Tax which is not presently recoverable has been written off, including £4.0

The effect of Stock Appreciation Relief combined with accelerated capital allowances and other timing differences has been to reduce the tax charge by £6.6 million

5. This year the effects of inflation have been calculated in line with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 16. This indicates that current cost profits before

611,977 Group sales to external customers

29,366 Earnings after tax applicable to IMI Limited

at the average rates applicable to their accounting periods

to employees participating in the IMI profit sharing scheme.

Release of deferred taxation provisions no longer required

exchange at 30 September 1980 have been taken directly to reserves

34,536 Group profit before taxation

4. The charge for taxation comprises

Advance Corporation Tax written off Adjustment for previous years

million in respect of dividends for 1980.

**UK Corporation Tax** Overseas Taxes

Taxation

250,379 Net tangible assets

(9,169) Dividends

a similar figure at 358p, while Midland slid 7p to 308p, ahead of figure on Friday.

Electricals remained popular with shares of ICL advancing another 3p to 45p amid talk of a financial rescue operation by the Government. AB Electronic rose 2p to 106p, after 92p, fol-lowing figures and an encouraging trading statement, but Victor Products shed 4p to 164p in the wake of recent figures. Awaiting figures on Friday Standard Telephone & Cables expanded 8p to 517p while BICC, reporting soon, climbed 9p to 208p. The sensitive conditions provided improvements in GEC 7p to 653p, Racal 4p to 359p, Plessey 7p to 330p, Thorn EMI 8p to 316p,

Ferranti 12p to 555p Electro-components 25p to 678p and Kode Int 15p to 305p. Elsewhere on the bid front, profit taking clipped 2p from Tunnel Holdings at 386p as T. W. Ward gained 4p to 124o. Bond St Fabrics returned from suspension to rise 5p to 39p after bid terms from Auchin-leck and bid talk stimulated Davies & Newman 14p to 168p, Milford Docks was wanted, 11p better at 121p, as North Amer sham increased its stake to

Among those to benefit from stock shortages were, Great Universal Stores "A" 13p to 468p, Saatchi & Saatchi 20p to 363p and Dowty 12p to 259p, while speculative buying hoisted Braby Leslie 3p to 31p, Geers Gross 7p to 99p and Gripperrods 10p to 144p.

Favourable mention of the leisure market helped Management Agency & Music 6p to 188p, Associated Leisure 8p to 131p and Ladbroke 12p to 272p. Building had Barratt Developments 24p stronger at 226p after improved interim figures, as Fairclough Cons rose 13p to 97p after a better performance than expected. The anticipated £27m rights issue accompanying figures left IMI 12p better at

figures left IMI 13p better at 61p but disappointing trading news lowered Stag Furniture 4p to 83p and Ductile Steel 2p to 43p. BTR continued to benefit from recent figures leaping 32p to 472p.

In foods, figures from Brooke Bond Leibig were in line with most expectations and the shares rallied 1p to 48p. Cadbury Schwennes was wanted. Cadbury Schweppes was wanted, ahead of figures due our soon, firming 3p to 76½p as was Bejam for a similar reason 7p dearer at 120p. Avana was another favourite, rising 7p to 213p, while its prospective part-ner Robertson Foods hardened. 14p to 150p despite the rejec-tion of the offer. In the mean-

#### . Latest results

Year ended 31 December 1980 £000

628,582

28,240

5,693

23,492

(9,387)

253,182

0.2

5.7

still able to activate the new							
tap Exchequer 12! per cent 1990	Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Di▼	Pay	Year's
at £15 5/16 but it was later with-	Int or Fitt	£m	£m	per share	ревсе	date	total
drawn,	AB Electronic (I)	10.4(10.5)	0.56t(0.4)	<b>—(7.6)</b>	0.5(3.0)	2/6	-(7.5)
In longs, prices opened steady	Barrett Dev (I)	128.6(103.4)	11.9(11.6)	<del>()</del>	3.5(2.8)	29/5	12.4*(9.8)
but drifted throughout the day	Bronz Enginrug (F)	14.8(11.2)	0.5(0.62)	12.96(4.87)	0.79(0.79)	11/5	1.08(1.05)
with most printed the day	Burmah Mines (F)	()	0.14(0.12)	0.73(0.63)	0.75(0.62)	14/5	<b>—(—)</b>
with most prices closing £4	Ductile (I)	23.12(37.37)	1.48 (2.37)	-(-)	-(2,11)	-	(4.88)
below their best levels, while	Fairclough (F)	264.05(237.5)	10.27 (10.17)	18.8(16.03)	2.8(2.4)	1/7	4.5(4.0)
in shorts earlier rises of £1/16	IMI (F)	629(612)	28.2(34.5)	10.8(15.7)	2,5(2.5)	8/5	4.5(4.4)
soon gave way to see the list	Jamaica Sugar (P)	0.11(0.2)	0.03(0.03†)	0.9(0.89†)	NII(NII)	<del></del>	Nn(Nn)
close basically unchanged on	Ldn Scottish (I)	3.76(3.22)	0.4(0.35)	<del>-(-)</del>	0.6(0.52)	15/5	-(-)
the day.	McLaughlin & H (F)	46.3(34.6)	1.2(0.98)	44.9(14.3)	3.45(-)		5.25(3.01)
Leading industrials made	Stag Forniture (F)	27.8(29.5)	1.5(3,3)	12.0(34.8)	3.25(-)		5.0(5.0)
	Waring & Gillow (1)	41.22(29.79)	2.84(2.12)	14.0(6.5)	1.5(1.5)	19/5	(4.5)
moderate progress in the thin	Dividends in this table	e are shown net	of tax on pence	per share. Elsev	there in Business	News d	lividends are
conditions with Beechams 4p	shown on a gross ba	sis. To establis	gross multiply	the net dividence	i by 1.428. Profit	are sh	lown pre-tax
steadier at 160p, Glazo 4p at	and earnings are net.	= rorecast, T=1	Q\$8.				

per cent

time, speculative support left Bernard Matthews 15p higher at 383p, making a 35p rise so far this account.

Shortage of stock and the overnight strength of Wall St kept oil shares on the move yesterday with prices continuing to gather pace regardless of the low turnover. BP edged ahead 6p to 392p along with Shell 4p at 396p. Ultramar 7p at 438p, Lasmo 17p at 609p and Burmah 3p at 174p.

Among second liners, selective buying lifted Premier Cons 1p to 104p, Imperial Continua-tal Gas 5p to 223p, Berkeley Exploration 15p to 293p and KCA International 2p to 193p.

Full-year results from Tricen-trol due tomorrow will be at the lower end of expectation. Analysts have been downgrading carlier estimates and arc now looking for between .£15 and £15.5m of net income, com-pared with £10.4m last time. However, the shares remained buoyant with an 8p rise to 288p

Properties tended to follow the market better, but business remained low key, MEPC rose 3p at 230p, Land Securities 6p at 400p, Hammerson "A" 5p at 610p and Stock Conversion a similar figure at 338p.

Equity turnover for March 16 was £100.238m (bargains 17,657). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Tele-graph, were Raçal, Thorn EMI, Saatchi, Ladbroke, Robertson Foods, Hambro Life and Avana

Traditional options: Dealers reported quieter conditions yesterday, Calls were made in ICI, Turner & Newall. Cons Gold, ICL, Conex, and Plessey. Traded options: A total of 613 were recorded. GEC attracted 27, ICI 41, Commercial Union 25, Courts 62, Cons Gold 4, and BP 37.

#### No interim as Ductile drops to £1.5m loss

By Margereta Pagano The West Midlands steel group, Ductile Steels, yesterday

disclosed that despite large-scale redundancies and shorttime working it had plunged into losses. The interim dividend has been passed.

Interim results to December show a pretax loss of £1.48m compared with profits last time of £2.37m. Sales fell by 40 per cent to £23.12m against £27.37m. The interim dividend last year was 3.02p gross. The shares tumbled 2p to 43p, just 1p above the low for the year. Mr Rosald Sidaway, Chairman, said this was the first time a loss had been recorded since Ductile was founded in

1936. All divisions were severely hit by the acute shortage of orders and increased costs, but the worst affected were those in the steel and engineering

in the steel and engineering divisions.

The group had felt the effect of extra costs coupled with the high pound and high interest rates which encouraged imports, and at home, price cutting by the British Steel Corporation, he said. Ductile's main customers are the motor industries.

The first signs of the slump in demand started last May, and by November last year, demand had collapsed to about 40 per cent of the previous year. Short time working continues at most of the group's plants and over the year some 300 employees have been made redundant. This leaves a workforce of 1,900.

Commenting on passing the dividend, Mr Sidaway said: "As yet there are few signs of a

yet there are few signs of a general recovery in trade. Under these conditions we must suspend payment of a dividend until we know the results for the full year and are better able to assess our future pros-

pects." Last year to June pretax profits were £4m on sales of £72.79m.



# By Our Financial Staff

is the first time the group has made a loss in the opening half. Pretax profits dropped from £395,000 to a loss of £565,000 on a turnover barely changed ar £10.4m.

The group has carried out rationalizations and the board say that, although costly, this will ensure continued recovery. The group says that adequate finance is available, and a medium-term loan facility of £1.5m has not yet been drawn.

# Fairclough inches ahead despite fall of associates

1979. A year ago the shares slipped 1p to 66p on news that 1979 pretax profits only rose from £9.56m to £10.17m.

Yesterday they climbed 13p to 97p on word that profits had inched ahead to £10.27m while turnover advanced from £237.5m to £264.05m. These profits would have been a lot higher but for a plunge in those of associates which fell from £2,77m to £990,000.

The main associated company is Fairclough-Al Midani, the 49 per cent owned concern operating in Saudi Arabia. There are also operations in Kenya. As a result, earnings a share are up modestly from 16.03p to 18.79p 7 per cent.

By Peter waininght out they swell to 42.34p, it, like Fairclough Construction Group, the civil engineering, building, tunnelling, opencast coal mining steelwork and materials handling group, had a better reception to its figures for 1980 than it did for firm 5.72p gross to 6.45. from 5.72p gross to 6.4p.
Mr Oswald Davies, chairman said that assets per share ar now more than 110p. Cas

balances are strong and wor in hand is "satisfactory". The cash apparently amount to around £12.5m which con pares with a market capitalize tion of not much more that £40m. Orders on hand ar around £300m which is reason ing because the group depend

ing occause the group depend heavily upon United Kingdon earnings. Within these, public sector work is important. Dealers were relieved at the latest news, but at 93p, a 1980 \$1 peak, the yield is less than 7 per cent

#### Stag Furniture profit halved in tough trading

By Margareta Pagano Competitive trading condi-tions are blamed for a 56 per-cent fall in Stag Furniture Holdings pretax profits to £1.46m in the year to Decem-

Profits fell from £3.35m last time and sales declined by 5 per cent to £27.9m. The final dividend is 4.64p, gross, making a total payment for the year of 7.14p gross which is equal to last year's payment after adjusting for a scrip issue. The shares fell 4p to

83p on the news. The disappointing results, Mr Patrick Radford, chairman, said yesterday, were due to the extremely competitive trading conditions arising from the re-cession. This had particularly affected trading at the lower-priced end of the market. Although trading remained difficult, there had been slight improvement in January when many retail stores reported successful sales. This strengthened the group's order book, but no further improve ment is expected overail until the autumn, he said.

Last year the group closes the Stag Cabinet branch fac tory at Kingston-upon-Thame, but it has continued to be used for self-assembly furniture for self-assembly furniture manufacture and dining room chairs. These activities will now be concentrated at Not tingham where the group has recently acquired more land for development.

The sale of the Kingston fac tory will be completed in July with a cash payment of fin and after meeting all factory closure costs, is expected to yield a net surplus of £400,000

#### AB Electronic loses £565,000

A.B. Electronic Products Group has dropped sharply into the red for the six months to the end of last December. It

#### Rates ABN Bank ...... 12 % Barclays ...... 12" BCCI ..... 12° Consolidated Crdts 14° C. Hoare & Co .. \*12% Lloyds Bank .... 12

Midland Bank .... 12%

Nat Westminster .. 12%

Bank Base

Williams and Glyn's 12% 7 day deposit on sums of \$10,000 and under \$50, to to \$50,000 forto, over \$50,000 100,00.

#### M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limked 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

High	1.0e/	Сотралу	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Diving	সূত্র	PE
75	39	Airsprung Group	64	_	6.7	10.5	5.8
50	21	Armitage & Rhodes	50	_	1.4	2.8	20.5
192	92}	Bardon Hill	189	_	9.7	5,1	7.1
93	88	Deborah Services	94		5.5	5.9	4.7
126	88	Frank Horsell	107	$\pm 1$	6.4	6.0	3.4
110.	39	Frederick Parker	42	-	1.7	4.0	18.3
110	74	George Blair	74	_	3.1	4.2	_
110	59	Jackson Group	107	+1	6.9	6.4	4.1
124	103	James Burrough	117	_	7.9	6.8	9.6
334	244	Robert Jenkins	324	— 1	31.3	9.7	_
55	50	Scruttons 'A'	51		5.3	10.4	3.7
224	215	Torday Limited	215	_	15.1	7.0	3.7
23	10	Twinlock Ord	10}	_			_
90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	72	_	15.0	20.8	_
56	35	Unilock Holdings	47	-	3.0	6.4	7.2
103	81	Walter Alexander	99	~1	5.7	5.8	5.5
263	181	W. S. Yeates	261		12.1	4.6	4.3

#### Boosey & Hawkes buys BCI for £4m

By Philip Robinson Boosey & Hawkes, the music publisher and instrument maker, has beaten an unnamed group of American investors to buy New York-based Buffet Crampon International (BCI) for ground £4m cash,

BCI, whose shares are quoted on the New York over-the-counter market, makes and distributes high quality woodwind and string instruments and is 67 per cent owned by three banks and an American institution, which have agreed in principal to sell Boosey & Hawkes their shares.

But Boosey has yet to go hrough the BCI books and will not announce how finance the deal until it sends shareholders a letter in early May, after its preliminary figures, report and accounts. It is offering \$7.35m (about £3.3m) for the 67 per cent stake and \$7 of loan stock and \$0.96 a share for the remaining 33 per cent of shares which are more widely held. The unnamed group was offering \$7.34m for the major stake and loan stock and a \$1 a share for the rest. Mr Michael Boxford, chief

executive of Boosey, said: "I appreciate it is a long time before we will be in a position to send a letter to shareholders. But I don't think there is going to be a fight over this." Net asset value of BCI is put at about £3.6m. For the six months ending last June the

group made a pretax profit of £100,000 on a turnover of £5m. Although based in America, BCI's three factories are in Europe, one in France and two in Germany, and employ 600 people. BCI would give B&H a world wide distribution net-

SGB Group annual meeting: national plant and services group were told yesterday by the chairman, Mr Neville Clifford-Jones, that there was nothing but the recession to blame for the present poor trading conditions.

Mr Clifford-Jones, pictured at the meeting, said that the group had experienced a poor first half due particularly to the long Christmas holiday period which had put customers off hire and placing orders. Virtually no profit had been recorded for December, he said, and January had been nearly as bad.

## Briefly

lamaica Sugar Estates : Turnover Jamaica Sugar Estates: Turnover year to Sept 30 £114,000 (£206,500). Pretax profit £30,000 (loss £28,000). Eps 0.90p (loss 0.89p). No div (same).

Shackleton Petroleum Corporation: On the basis of the results
to date of its exploration and
development drilling programme
in Canada and the United States,
the board of Shackleton have
decided that the company should
expend the balance of the net proceds of the issue of 10.5m shares
in conjunction with the continued ceeds of the Issue of 10.5m shares in conjunction with the continued exploration and development programme of Czar Resources. In reaching, this decision the board has considered the Independent valuation of the assets of Shackleton which was prepared as at December 31, 1980, and subsequent drilling results.

drilling results.

Unilever Ltd plans to float off 15 per cent of its subsidiary. PT.

Unilever Indonesia, through a share offer to the Indonesian public, with a prospectus expected late in August. The company said the issue is likely to consist of about 8.5m common shares with a nominal value of 1,000 rupishs each, contingent on Government approval. Unilever expects the

Alexanders Holdings: Chairman many factors make it difficult to prognosticate on fature, but company is strong from an asset point of view (28p per share) and is well positioned to take full advantage of this when the economy returns to normal. When interest rates fall, leading to the end of the receiptor company can look

rates fall, leading to the end of the recession, company can look forward to increased profitability. Local Authority Bonds: Interest rate on this week's issues of local authority yearling bonds is 123 per cent. Issue price 100.

Borma Mines: Gross income for year to December 31, £166,000 (£152,000) Pretax protit £144,000 (£162,000) Pretax prot London Scottish Finance Corpora-tion: Interim 0.85p (0.75p). Turn-over for half-year to January 27 E3.759m (E3.227m). Pretax profit (406,500 (E351,000) after finance costs E568,000 (£487,000). Crown House has sold its office development at Bromley. Kent to development at Bromley, Kent, to a city institution for £1.55m. This property which was developed to provide 11,000 sq ft of office space was let at a rental of £79,850 per

# Drayton Premier **Investment Trust Limited**

Total assets at 31 December, 1980: £95.7m. (1979: £79.7m.)

Net asset value per Ordinary share rose from 227½p to 292½p. An increase of 28.6 per cent. Net revenue available for Ordinary

shareholders rose from £2,714,325 to £3,235,464. An increase of 19.2 per cent.

Dividend for the year rose from 8.8p to 10.2p. An increase of 15.9 per cent.

1980 proved to be a good year for investment trusts. Your Board has reinforced holdings in Drayton Montagu

energy and natural resource companies and increased commitment to Japan and the Far East.

Chairman, John Storar, reports:

Your Board propose to continue to employ a flexible investment approach and thereby to deploy funds in those industries and markets which appear to offer the most profitable return.

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December, 1980 can be obtained from:

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Investment Division of Samuel Montage & Co. Limited

#### Dividends

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 2.5p per Ordinary Share, payable on 8 May 1981 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 9 April 1981, which will absorb £5,215,000 (1979: £5,210,000). Together with the interim dividend of 2.0p per share paid on 20 October 1980, this makes a total of 4.5p per share (1979: 4.4p per share).

#### **Brief Review of Activities**

(1979: £6.3 million).

Compared with 1979, sales volume fell by rather more than 5 per cent but sales value increased by 3 per cent to £629 million. Most of this increase was in exports from the UK which amounted to £135 million, 19 per cent higher than in 1979. Sales by our overseas manufacturing units increased by 7 per cent in terms of sterling and home sales fell by 3 per cent. Profits before tax were 18 per cent. lower at £28.2 million, after charging approximately £5 million for redundancy and reorganisation costs.

Increased UK profits were derived from titanium, refinery operations, alloy tube and from a number of smaller activities including the IMI Mint, Broderick roofing and cladding and IMI Marston's aircraft products. Overseas, special purpose valves did well in France and our Australian operations also achieved higher profits. The fluid power operations overall held up reasonably well. After a good first quarter many other activities were affected by the UK recession, in particular heat exchange, building products and copper semis. Eley ammunition and the LF/Opti Zip Fastener Group continued to experience particularly difficult trading

#### Rights Issue

The Directors of IMI have also announced that arrangements are in hand to raise approximately £27.5 million (net of expenses) by means of a rights issue of 59,598,520 new Ordinary Shares at a price of 48p per share. Documents are being posted to shareholders on 20 March 1981.

**Building Products** Fluid Power Zip Fasteners

**Heat Exchange General Engineering** Refined and Wrought Metals

IMI Limited P.O. Box 216, Witton, Birmingham, B67BA

#### Pittard reports increase in demand

West country tanner Pittard Group made a £521,000 pretax loss in 1980, but has maintained less in 1500, but has maintained its dividend because of a £587,000 tax credit and an extraordinary credit of £414,000. The total dividend is 5.71p gross. The shares held their ground at the state of £500 profits in the shares held their ground at the vesterday. Grown profits in 47p yesterday. Group profits in 1979 were £1.49m. With faint signs of improving demand now. Mr Neil Wood, chairman, thinks a first-half profit this year is

Trading grew progressively harder last year. Cheap imports of leather from South America and India and of finished leather goods from Comecon Comecon and trade and tr countries again undercut EEC prices. In the United Kingdom the strong pound reduced export margins and retailers and manufacturers began de-stocking from April as demand fell with lower consumer spending. with lower consumer spending.
Meanwhile, hide and skin prices
fell sharply, causing stock losses
of fim by the December 31
year-end.

Mr Wood said yesterday that there were faint signs of restocking by manufacturers, mainly in glove leather where margins are highest. About 30 per cent of the group's leather went into gloves last year, with 50 per cent sold to shoe manu-ing and upholstery manufac-turers, who took a lower pro-portion in 1980 than normally. Mr Wood aims to split group sales evenly between these three markets eventually. Leather prices were also showing signs of improvement, he said.

Sales at £18.3m last year fell nearly 23 per cent both in volume and value. Trading profits fell from £2.32m to £402,000, while interest costs rose 12.3 per cent to £626,000. Mr Wood expected interest charges to fall by £300.000 in 1981, reflecting lower MLR and reduced borrowings. Borrowings stand at 13m now, against £2.2m at the end of 1979. The proceeds of the sale of the Beckenham site will reduce borrowings.

# Property sale aids Waring & Gillow

By Margareta Pagano

Results from Waring & Gillow, the furniture and carpet retailers, for the six months to September reflect both difficult trading conditions and major changes within the company since its acquisition last year of Maples.

Trading profits of £586,000 were reported compared with £2.12m last time. But the addition of £3.06m of exceptional credit from the sale of property boosted pretax profits to £2.84m after an extraordinary item of £578,000 covering the losses from the clothing division and factory closures. On the profits of £2.84m a

Auchinleck

bid for BSF

Auchinleck Investment,

Grovebell has been a Bond Street shareholder for two years and currently holds 29

information presented to Auchinleck on Bond Street's

" Under Rule 12 of the Take-

over Code we are entitled to see figures that have not been available to us until now so we can decide to accept the offer, increase our own or do nothing", he said.

trading position.

in £1.3m

debts before striking the pre-tax figure. Sales rose to £41.22m against £29.7m. The interim dividend has been maintained at 2.14p gross.

reserve for taxation of about \$1928,000, against £1.1m last year, has been made. Some £229,000 was transferred to the deferred profit reserve to cover outstanding hire purchase debris before critism the asset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last of the last of the last of its six factor-debris before critism the masset of the last o

closed the last of its six factories, which at a peak three years ago employed 2,000 people.

Mr Cussins added that the second half of the year is traditionally better for the furniture industry and recent trading has shown some improvement. January and February were relatively buoyant and Manles is expected to con-Mr Manny Cussins, chairman, said yesterday that trading profits at Waring's furniture division were affected by increased profits were more than halved costs and static sales. Trading tat £309,000 compared with in the full year.

Total property sales amoundaples, acquired last May, have been included, but its UK division lost £74,000 and its over-



Mr Manny Cussins, chairman at Waring & Gillow.

## Canadian oil shares for London A newly incorporated Cana- The gross dividend was 1.54p

shares, and dealings will be permitted in London. Laurence, Prust and Company

rivate Scottish textile group, has made a £1.3m offer for Bond Street Fabrics (BSF) which received an unwelcome £750,000 bid from its main shareholder, Grovebell, earlier this month. and Vivian Gray and Company have undertaken to seek subscribers for a maximum of 2 million common shares of The new bid, which is agreed by the BSF board, offers 40p a share and 67p for the conver-tible loan stock in Bond Street which closed down its Leicester Falmouth at \$2 per share payable in full on application. The issue is not being underwritten. Listing has been granted by the Vancouver Stock Exchange, and subject to the filing of final documentation and satismanufacturing operation at the beginning of the year and is now left with two Scottish factories making knitwear. Grove bell offered 27p a share. factory evidence of distribu-tion, dealings will be permitted on the London Stock Exchange under rule 163(1) (e).

Bronx expects loss vasant Advant, its chairman, said yesterday that the board would make a decision on its next step when it had seen the for first half

A lack of orders has forced the Bronx Engineering Holdings group to make about 20 per cent of its staff redundant and bring in short time working. The group expects a first-half loss after a year in which profits dropped from £524,000 to £507,000 before tax. Turnover for the year to November 30 rose from £11.2m to £14.8m.

dian company, Falmouth Petroleum, is making an issue of
Shares, and dealings will be
The board says that a loss
for the first half of the current year is almost certain. It is also unlikely that the group will recover sufficiently for a reasonable profit level to be made by the year end.

McLaughlin raises

payout and tops £1m McLaughlin & Harvey has raised its gross dividend for 1980 from 4.28p to 7.5p. Turnover for the year went up from £34.7m to £46.3m and pretax profits from £980,000 to £1.2m. There was a tax credit of £603,000 against a charge of £417,000. Exchange losses

Exchange 1055cs tups, f264,000 compared with f30,000. Earnings per share were 44.9p against 14.3p, CCA profits attributable to shareholders were f1,311,000. The results adopt the stock relief provisions to be proposed in the 1981 Finance Bill.

Avana confirms forecast

Avana Group, whose bitterly contested takeover bid for "Golly" jams group Robertson

Foods closes on Friday March 20, has issued a statement con-firming its recent profit forecast of £5.4m pretax.

Avana fell foul of certain technicalities in the Takeover Code by omitting the profit forecast and a directors' responsibility statement in a recent circular to Robertson share-holders. The Takeover Panel asked Avana to put this right.

#### Marchwiel to float S African offshoot

Marchwiel, the Cheshire-based building and civil engineering concern, is making, in South Africa, a public offer of shares in its offshoot there, Alfred McAlpine and Son. After the offer, which has been underwritten by Hill Samuel (S.A.), an application will be made to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange for a listing. The shares are being offered at 310 cents each, at which the company is capitalized at R31m (about £16m). Following com-pletion of the offer, Marchwiel will own 70 per cent of the capital of McAlpine S. A. The net proceeds will be about R8.8m (£4.4m) which will be employed elsewhere in the

#### Euroflame tries again for USM quotation

By Philip Robinson Euroflame Holdings, whose plans to come to the unlisted securities market were delayed when the chairman mentioned a profits forecast which was not in the formal documents, is ready to try again for a quote.

A revised prospectus was lodged with the Stock Exchange's Quotations Committee on Monday and it is expected that a decision on whether to allow Euroflame to market on that prospectus is due later this week.

Week.

Dealings in the 1.1 million shares, placed at 30p to raise £330,000, were due to start on February 25. But five days earlier Mr John Viall, chairman, said at a press conference that he would be disappointed if profits this year were less than £450,000.

The remark was published in several newspapers and the Stock Exchange demanded that a formal forecast be included in the prospectus. A spokesman for Tring Hall Securities, the issuing house which plans to retain a 53 per cent stake in Euroflame, said: "We are cur-rently going through the Stock

Exchange procedures ".

The delay in placing the shares, which has meant an audit and a reprint of the prospectuses, is thought to have added £3,000 to the original £60,000 cost.

## First-quarter sales record for Sony

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Sony Corporation reports that consolidated sales rose to a record 261,160m yen (£563m) for the first quarter to January 31 from 221,960m yen a year

consolidated net income remained high at 20,120m yen, up from 19,530m a year earlier, while earnings per depositary share were 92 yen against 91 yen.
In the first quarter the value

of the yen showed a sharp rise from a year earlier, causing a substantial reduction in the book value of consolidated net sales. This in turn made for a corresponding rise in the cost

The Sony board said that negative factors were more than offset by brisk sales of portable stereo cassette players, the Betamax and other video equip-

International

Another offsetting factor was substantial translation gains from converting financial starements of Sony's overseas subsidiaries into yen, and also currency exchange gains due to

forward contracts.

## Bayernverein holds payout

Bayerische Vereinsbank has announced an unchanged dividend of 9 Deutsche marks (£1.9) per 50-mark par value share for 1980. It is also planning a 1980. It is also planning a 450m-mark par value using 50m stock increase. The payout will marks in authorized capital for be made on 400m mark par the increase,

#### Lend Lease plans disposal

Australia Square, the Sydney landmark, may be sold to General Property Trust.

The seller, Lend Lease Corporation, the property developer, is negotiating disposal of the 50-storey headquarters tower to GPT, which is a close associate. Independent valuations are being sought by both parties. Australia Square is Lend Lease's remaining property investment and was last valued by the group internally at \$A52m (about £27m). A much higher price is now expected.

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# Anglo American Coal Corporation Limited

#### Extracts from the review by the Chairman Mr. W. G. Boustred

**Business appointments** Two for Sterling

board Mr J. V. Strong and Mr W. Scanlan have been sppointed to the board of Sterling Estates.
Mr A. J. Shepperd has been appointed deputy chairman of Wood Hall Trust.
Mr Chris Masters has been appointed head of syndications section in National Westminster Bank's international banking division.

ion.
Mr T. G. Kent, deputy chief executive of the corporation's dynamics group, has been appointed to the board of British Acro-

eppointed an assistant managing director of Dickinson Robinson Group. Mr Stephen P. Havklan becomes chairman and group managing director of Wiggins Construction sirector or Wiggins Construction siter the retirement of Mr Cyril C. Wiggins who has been appointed president. Mr P. D. Warren becomes deputy chairman. J. A. C. Edwards has been eppointed to the board as construction director. Mr F. Clive Wilkinson has been appointed a director of Yorkshire Bank Finance and Yorkshire Bank Leasing.

Leasing.

Mr Sidney Wild is to become thairman of Yorkshire Bank.

Mr Michael Weeden has been appointed managing director of inmac UK.

Mr T. M. Mosson has been appointed general manager, and Mr Alan Peers assistant general manager (operations) in the personnel division of William & Glyn's Sank.

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admitted to partnership in Delottte Haskins & Sells management consultants.

Professor A. R. Williamson, Gardiner Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Glasgow, has been appointed research director of the Greenford division of Glaxo Group Research.

Mr John Ashcroft of Coloroll has been elected president of the Wallcovering Manufacturers Association of Great Britain.

Sir Anthony Salt has been appointed chairman of Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin & Company.

Mr Kenneth Linfoot has been appointed managing director of the property division of Espley-Iyas Property Group.

Mr Nigel Judah has been appointed finance director of Reuters and becomes one of three executive members of the board.

Mr Freddy Salinger has been appointed a director of Anglo Factoring Services on his retirement from Griffin Factors.

Lord Hartwell has resigned from the board of LWT (Holdings), Mr Leon Page, joint managing director of Page and Moy (Holdings), has been appointed a director of John Crowther Group. Mr John Ray is now group company secretary. Sir Jack Rampton has been appointed a director of London Atlantic Investment Trust.

Mr Richard Hill has been

Atlantic Investment Trust.

Mr Richard Hill has been appointed chairman of Helical Bar, with Mr Laurence Kelly appointed deputy chairman.

Anglo-Indonesian claims 40 pc of Eva

Acceptances received of the offer for Eva Industries by Anglo-Indonesian (AIC) amoun-ted to 328,398 ordinary of Eva (3.51 per cent). AIC and its sub-sidiaries owned 2.58m ordinary shares in Eva (27.57 per cent) before the offer and has purchased a further 347,000 such ordinary shares (3.71 per cent) during the offer period.

People acting in concert with AIC own a further 830,160 ordinary (8.87 per cent). The com-bined shareholding of AIC and those acting in concert with it (exclusive of acceptances) now total 40.15 of Eva's ordinary share capital. The offer has been extended to 3.30 pm on March 30.

The profit attributable to Amodal shareholders for 1980 was R79,1 million, an Increase of 20.7 per cent over that earned for the previous year. Vryheid Coronation became a wholly-owned member of the Group from the beginning of the year with the result that there was a reduction in the proportion of profit attributable to outside shareholders in subsidiary companies. . .

Turnover of the Group rose by 20,8 per cent to R465,5 million and operating profit increased to R130,9 million. The Group's profit before taxation of R124,1 million was 16,4 per cent above the 1979 pre-tex profit of R106,6 million.

The profit after taxation of RBS3 million was an increase of 18,9 per cent over the R717 million of last year and after deducting the profit attributable to outside shareholders in subsidiary companies the profit attributable to Amooal shareholders increased from R65.5 million to R79,1 million. These earnings represented 3367 cents per share which compares with the 1979 earnings of 278,9 cents per share. A final dividend of 72 cents per share has been declared making a total for the year of 108 cents which represents en increase of 20 per cent over the 90 cents distributed for 1979 and results in a dividend cover of 3,1 times which was the same as that for the previous year.

**COAL MINING ACTIVITIES** 

Turnover from the sales of coal and coke increased by 17,2 per cent to R363.5 million which resulted in an operating profit of RTIO,1 million, an increase of 10,6 per cent over the operating profit of RS9,5 million achieved in the previous year. The tormage of coal and coke sold during the year increased marginally by 0,7 million tons to a total of 33,7 million tons. The average profit per ton sold increased by 8,3 per cent as a result of an increase in coal sold on the export market and of a higher profit earned from the coal sold from Knel colliery.

During 1979 the Group's coal mines managed to contain unit costs at a very commendable level, mainly due to the contribution from the opencest operations at Klein-kopie and Kriel and by Increased productivity. However, during the period under review, unit costs increased by 16,0 per cent, which, although below the rate of increase in the Wholesale Price Index, is nevertheless of major concern to management and this aspect of operations must receive

even closer attention in 1981. The South African coal mining industry continued to expand its output and recorded production in excess of 114 million tons for 1980. The major contributions to the rising demand for coal continued to be the increase in consump tion by Escorn at their new power stations in the east

Transvaal, the further increase in export activity and the coel requirements for the new Sasol installations. Amcoal maintained its position as the Republic's largest coal producer and contributed 30 per cent of South Africa's output in 1980.

The Group's net expenditure on coal mining assets at R39 million was below the R55 million spent during 1979, and took place principally at Kleinkopje, Kriel and Bank

Group collieries supplied 21,3 million tons of coal to Escom in 1980. This tonnage was marginally lower than the 21,6 million tons supplied in 1979.

**NEW COLLIERIES** NEW COLLICIUS

During the year, shareholders were informed that Escom
had exercised its option to obtain coal supplies from New
Denmark for an additional 1800 MWoof generating capacity at Tutuka power station. Accordingly, the coll being developed to supply coal for a total of 3600 MW of generating capacity which will require some 10 million tons a year at full output. In addition, the planned commission-

ing date for the first generating set at the power station has been advanced from September 1986 to March 1985. For the New Vaal colliery, Escom initially awarded Amcoal a contract for a coal supply to 1800 MW of generating capacity at the Lethabo power station, but has since requested Amcoal to submit an extended offer to cover the coal supply for an additional 1800 MW to allow the station's capacity to be increased to 3600 MW. In addition, Escorn has advanced the planned commissioning date for the first set at Lethabo from the latter part of the 1980s to September 1985. The reserves available to New Vaal are more than adequate to supply coal for 3600 MW and mine planning for the expanded colliery will be based on the optimum utilisation of the reserves in the coalfield.

EXPORT AND DOMESTIC TRADE The Group's export collienes continued to maintain a high level of production and railed a total of 7.8 million tons of

steam coal and low ash metallurgical coal to Richards Bay during 1980 of which 6.0 million tons was sold through the TCOA as part of its total exports of 12,1 million tons. The balance of 1,8 million tons railed to RBCT was against the Group's own export entitlement under Phase II of the export programme.

Sales by the TCOA to the domestic market, which have declined in recent years, showed a modest increase in 1980. The reduction in TCOA sales to Escorn and the SAR was offset by increased sales to the industrial sector. Due to the increased activity of the building sector, the demand on TCOA from the cement industry improved and the TCOA was able to meet the demand for higher quality sized coal.

As has been the case in the international market, Various domestic industrial consumers are now converting from oil to coal. Although the rate of conversion is slow it nevertheless will provide additional market opportunities for the TCGA in the future.

PRODUCTIVITY AND LABOUR
Sales from Group collieries totalled 33,7 million tons, an increase of 2,1 per cent over 1979. Productivity increased by 6,7 per cent from 1257 tons per employee per month to 134,1 tons per employee per month and resulted from a reduction of 4,4 per cent in the average number of employees and the additional coal produced.

Within the industry, major proposals are under con-sideration by employers, and it is hoped that these will lead to significantly improved relationships between the employers and unions active in the Industry. The shortage of skilled labour has become acute, and it

has been necessary for the Group to resort to overseas recruiting. The long-term solution to this problem must, however, lie in the increased training of South African workers of all races. This is an important industrial relations objective for the Group, in order to avoid the skills shortage becoming the limiting factor on existing and future

operations.

The major feature of the annual wage increases implemented by Amcoal in this year was the introduction of overtime payments to blacks on the same basis as white employees. An objective remains the narrowing of the gap which exists between minimum pay rates in the mining industry and comparable jobs in heavy industry.

The tempo of coal exploration undertaken by the Anglo American Corporation Group's coal syndicate, in which Amonel is a participant, was considerably increased during the year in furtherance of the Group's strategy to improve its ability to supply coal competitively on a wide geo-graphical basis.

A revision of the Group's coal reserve estimates based on present day and planned mining methods, as opposed to those utilised in the preparation of the Petrick Report of 1975, resulted in a significant increase in the proven reserves available for exploitation. Reserves to which Amodal has access are now estimated at some 10 billion

During the year, coal rights to some 560 million tons were purchased and options acquired over 60,000 hectares. It is anticipated that rights to a further 200 million tons will be purchased during 1981.

ENERGY AND EXPORTS

Notwithstanding the reduction of oil supplies from the Middle East due to local conflicts there, the western world is currently adequately supplied with crude oil due to sig-nificantly lower demands brought about by mild northern hemisphere winters and the general recession in the developed countries. Nevertheless, the erratic nature of oil supplies and oil pricing in recent years has resulted in utilities and industrial concerns utilising primary energy recognising that their future growth should be based on

cosi and, where possible, nuclear power.

Due to the environmental restrictions placed on nuclear power, coal is presently the focus of new energy programmes. These programmes will take time to bring to fruition but all the indications are for a steady and substantial growth of coal as a primary energy source. In addition, the past 12 months have seen significant conversions from oil to coal, perticularly in the coment industry, together with maximum use of coal-tiring in preference to oil-fired power stations. This has led to an increased demand for internationally traded steam coal Demand marginally exceeded supply and prices firmed further. This increased demand has led other exporting countries to expand their production, the ability of the United States to export more steam coal being particularly noticeable. The USA has considerable potential as a coal exporter although the present inadequacies of railroad and

port infrastructures are limiting factors The Department of Energy and Mineral Affairs is currently undertaking an updated study of coal reserves and coal demand in order to review the total level of exports ultimately to be undertaken by the South African coal mining industry. It is essential that any further export authorities should be granted to those corporations, such as Amcoal, which have the necessary coal reserves and coal mining expertise to ensure that the Republic's own rapidly escalating domestic coal requirements are met in the decades ahead.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS** 

During the year Amcoal joined with AECI and Shell to investigate the potential for private industry to menufacture and sell methanol on a competitive basis with imported crude oil and Sasol's oil from coal.

Amcoal, together with its partners will continue actively to explore the possibility of the private sector manufacturing transport fuels from coal and will maintain close co-operation with the Government in the expectation that this important project can ultimately be brought to

Amcoal's success in winning two of the three coal supply contracts awarded by Escom and its participation in the Phase III export programme has required it to embark on a major capital expenditure programme over the next several years. The expansion opportunities brought about by this new business will result in coal output increasing to over 60 million tons a year and will provide a sound basis for

substantial and sustained growth in the years ahead, The current year will see the coal mining division concentrate on the consolidation of its operating collienes with particular attention being given to the containment of working costs. The acquisition of Natal Anthracite has broadened the Group's earnings base and forecasts indicate that profits for the current year from both the coal mining and refractories divisions will continue to show real

The \$2nd annual general meeting of Anglo American Coal Corporation will be held in Johannesburg on April 14th, 1981. Copies of this review and of the annual report are obtainable from the London office of the company at 40. Holborn Viaduct, ECIP 1AJ, or from the transfer secretaries Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashlord, Kent TN24850.

# Essex Water Company The Hon. P.E. Brassey's

Statement to Stockholders The following is the Chairman's Statement submitted at has resulted in the deferment of a number of items, the Annual General Meeting on 17th March, 1981.

Mr. Arthur W. White At the Board Meeting on 20th January, 1981, Mr. A. W. White announced that due to his age he had decided to relinquish the Chairmanship of the Company. Mr. White joined the Board in 1962 and had been Chairman since 1966. It was under his Chairmanship that the Company extended its area very substantially. He consolidated the area into one unit and great credit is due to him for the part he played in bringing this about with the minimum of disturbance to those concerned. As his successor in the chair I record my thanks and those of his fellow directors for his outstanding service not only to this Company but to the water industry in general. As a mark of esteem Mr. White has been elected President of the Company.

#### Capital

An issue of £7,000,000 8%% Redeemable Preference Stock 1985 was made on 10th December, 1980, to provide funds towards the financing of capital expenditure and to redeem £3,500,000 9% Redeemable Preference Stock 1981 on 2nd January, 1981. The issue was made by tender and its success is reflected in the average price of £105.01 per £100 of stock received.

The Company's existing capital powers provide for the issue of just over £1,500,000 of additional capital or loan stock, a figure which is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Company for forthcoming redemptions of capital and other capital expenditure. Your Directors intend to apply for a new Capital Powers Order to increase the combined authorised capital and loan stock from its present level of £60,000,000 to £100,000,000. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the proposed Order will be circulated in due course.

#### Consumption and Charges

The present state of the economy is perhaps indicated by the drop in the volume of water put into supply in 1980 below the level of the previous year. This is accounted for by a lessening in supplies to industrial and other metered premises and is despite an increase in quantities taken by consumers whose supplies are not metered, in the main household supplies. The highest daily quantity of water supplied in the Company's history was on Sunday, 18th May, 1980, and amounted to 104.6 million

In common with the water industry generally, the Company is this year extending to all consumers the option to have a metered supply. The present relatively high costs of metering, however, are likely to make it uneconomic for ordinary households to change to the Company's metered supply tariff, although this can be advantageous for larger commercial premises where water demands are low and rateable values high.

Intensive efforts have been and are being made to limit rising costs and the latest review of expenditure for 1981

more difficult both by the limited scope for reducing standards in such areas as quality, pressure and continuity of water supplies and by the long term rising demands of unmetered consumers making inevitable the development of capital schemes to Charges are having to be increased substantially this April. The small increase in charges last year, made possible by utilising some of the Company's

both capital and maintenance. The exercise is made

reserves, turned out to be insufficient to meet rising costs so this year the increase has to cover more than one year's inflation. In the five years to 1980, the average amount charged per 1000 gallons supplied by the Company has risen by 66 per cent; this percentage may be compared with the rise in the retail prices index over the same period of about 96 per cent.

Major Capital Projects Construction of the 2.7 million gallon service reservoir at Bowers Gifford, with associated pipelines, which will improve supplies to Canvey Island, is nearing completion. Contracts have been let for constructing additional rapid filters at Hanningfield and these are expected to become

operational in 1982. The extension to the computer building at Head Office now houses the twin ICL 2946 replacement computers. Work has started on converting a building adjacent to the Company's Mid Essex Divisional Office and depot at Chelmsford to provide much needed office and other facilities. Construction of offices to rehouse the South Essex Divisional staff

at Romford has also commenced. The present day costs of providing capital assets are compared with the costs actually incurred in past years in this year's accounts. From these it can be seen that while the gross historic cost of the Company's assets is around £61 million, their current replacement cost would in fact be of the order of £429 million.

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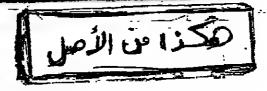


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## Residential **Property**

#### Homes of unusual character

Most old houses have been added to at some time and it is this evolutionary process which produces the greatest character. One such property which had an unusual number of additions is Chelsfield Court Lodge in Church Road, Chelsfield, Kent. Its appearance is in the Queen Anne style, but some of the original foundations may be Norman, and several additions were made in Georgian and Tictorian times and now has a grade two listing as being of special architectural or historic nterest.

It had periods of Crown bwnership, but in this century hwners have included the Asrey family and Coutts banking.

There are five large reception sooms, a spacious farmhouse

kitchen, eight bedrooms and four bathrooms. It stands in eight acres and includes three paddocks and a stable block which is believed to be suitable for conversion. Offers over £200,000 are being asked through Lintott Residential, of London.

Another successfully tended property is Glebe House at Selham, near Petworth in West Sussex. It is believed to date from about 1800 with additions made towards the middle of the 19th century, but the main part is clearly Geor-gian in style, with red brick walls and deep sash windows under a low-pitched slate roof. There is some tile hanging.

The accommodation is extensive and on the ground floor there are three reception rooms, a study, a playroom, and a housekeeper's flat; and there are six bedrooms, a dressing room and three bathrooms

Outside there is a further small flat above former stabling and various other outbuildings. Partly walled gardens and grounds with some woodland extend to about four acres. The price is in the region of £140,000 and the agents are John D. Wood, of London.

Renby Grange at Boars Head, between Crowborough and Tunbridge Wells in East Sussex

is thought to date from the 17th century and to have been associated with the iron work-. ing of the period. More recently, it was associated with early experiments in television transmission.

The oldest part is built in sandstone with an inner oak frame, but substantial additions were made in Victorian times and a 22ft ground floor studio and further bedrooms were added more recently.

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It is for sale for more than £145,000 and the agents are Clifford Dann and Partners of Uckfield. A separate three-bed-roomed bungalow is also avail-

At the other end of the same county is a house called Fletchers, at Sidlesham near Chichester. It is thought to have been built about 1712, but had a ming added in the early next of wing added in the early part of this century, although its ap-pearance is in the Queen Anne style. Period features include some fine fireplaces, old oak beams and window shutters. It has three reception rooms, a large kitchen and breakfast room and five bedrooms and

three bathrooms, including two

There is an old Sussex barn which provides garaging for four or five cars, and a timber granary. There are about 5% acres of grounds which include a small lake and a pond. It is to come to auction in May unless there is a private sale, and is expected to realize between £140,000 and £180,000. The agents are Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Chichester.

The Dower House at Gisburn in the Ribble Valley, not far from Clitheroe, in Lancashire, is an attractive late Georgian property which, at an asking price of £80,000, shows the good value for money offered in the northern parts of the country country.

It is a stone-built house with a slate roof and has four recep-tion rooms, five bedrooms and three bathrooms. There are several outbuildings standing in about 2 acres of grounds and paddocks. The sale is through Savills' York office and Davis and Bowring of Gisburn.

Suffolk House, in the village of Lidgate between Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket is an unusually interesting smaller property with a grade two listing. The main part is believed to date from the 14th century and to have been associated with

Glebe House, at Selham, near Petworth, West Sussex, for sale at about £140,000.

the poet John Lydgate, a pupil

Additions and alterations have been made over the years, but much of the character has been retained. It has four reception rooms and four bedrooms and except for the kitchen, all the rooms have beamed ceilings. and the split-level sitting and dining room have inglenook

fireplaces. There are about two acres of gardens and grounds with a railed paddock and offers in the region of £97,500 are being asked through Smiths Gore of

Dingleden House in Benenden, Kent, which has a grade two listing, is believed to have its origins in the 15th century. It is a timber framed building with closely studded front walls, oversailing in places, and other period features.

It has a reception hall, two main reception rooms, a study, a garden room, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. It stands in about 3½ acres and has a sunken pond and a water garden and a paddock of some two acres. Offers in the region of £120,000 are being asked through Cluttons of London.

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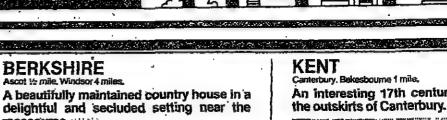
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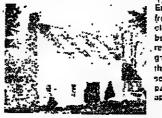


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6.40 am Open University. Man-pow-ered aircraft; 7.05 Pilgrimage in the Hindu tradition; 7.30 Edinburgh observed. Closedown at 7.55. ● The pattern of Elaine Morgan's plays about Lloyd George onight's is the third (BBC 2, 9.25) — is now set as firm as concrete: the pendulum swings from philandering to politicizing and back again. I think Miss Morgan is keeping a sensible balance retween the two, but I have a sneaking feeling I am in a rapidly windling minority. Tonight, neither the roving eye nor the political dynamism is given much respite: a scandal threatens, loyd George becomes president of the Board of Trade, he settles he 1907 rail strike, is made Chancellor the Exchequer and lays the oundation stone of our present social welfare system. All in 60 ninutes flat.

I am the last to complain that, on BBC 2, Wednesday night has ecome biographical night: there's not much quality fiction round these days. Part four of the Muggeridge life story (BBC 2, .05) sees the end of the sage's marking time and his brisk entry nto fulfilling journalism: the posting to Washington as the Daily elegraph correspondent, his subsequent promotion to the ewspaper's deputy editorship, his appointment as editor of Punch ad, stemming from that, his work as interviewer on Panorama. I must draw your attention to two exciting programmes about sainting tonight: Sir Hugh Casson pointing out those features that o not immediately meet the eye in Turner's The Burning of the louses of Parliament (One Hundred Great Paintings, BBC 2, 7.25), nd the Yorkshire landscape painter Ashley Jackson's quest for is roots in the second of Barry Cockcroft's new series Once in a ifetime (ITV, 9.00). Why exciting? Because in both films lemental forces of great power are unleashed when brush suches canvas.

It is a long time since I recommended you to burn the midnight oil. rian Matthew's Radio 2 arts magazine (11.00) is transmitted live om Manchester's Palace Theatre which re-opens tonight after its sectacular face-lift. Interviews with stars of the opening roduction, Jesus Christ Superstar, and with visiting celebrities. . . .

he English Chamber Orchestra concert from the Royal Festival all (Radio 3, 8.00) is an all-Mendelssohn affair, the Symphony No 4, e Violin Concerto in E Minor (soloist: Pinchas Zukerman), and the iidsummer Night's Dream music . . . Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.30) hich my fellow members of the Broadcasting Press Guild last week sted the best of the radio magazines, tonight previews Friday ght's BBC 2 play about Unity Mitford, and has an interview with loria Swanson about her autobiography.

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# **Broadcasting Guide**

**Edited by Peter Davalle** 

#### TELEVISION

6.46 am Open University. The Moonies; 7.05 After the earthquake; 7.30 Telecommunication networks; 7.55 Closedown. 9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Techni-9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Technical studies: microelectrics, 9.35 Maths File (area); 9.58 Let's Go to the Doctor; 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Japan (factory); 11.02 Everyday Maths.
11.25 You and Me: Bendy Lines (r).
11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Resource Unit: English; 12.05 pm. Kontakte. German lesson. Closedown at 12.30.
12.45 News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. With items on menus for arthritics,

With items on menus for arthritics, and vintage telephones. 1.45 Trump-ton: The Plumber (r). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Watch ton: The Plumber (r).
2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Watch (the Moon); 2.18 Twentieth-Century History: The Road to Berlin; 2.40 Read on! Words of Tomorrow, 3.00 Speak for Yourself: The practical uses of English. What to say, when someone is rude to you; 3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: The versatility of cheese (r). 3.55 Play School: Joanne Cole's story Splodges and Squares. Can also be seen on BRC 2 at 11.00. 4.20 Secret Squirrel. Cartoon: Gold Rushed.

10.20 Gharbar: Special magazine for Asian women. Closedown at 10.4S. 11.00 Play School. Same as BBC 1.

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2.00 pm Racing from Cheltenham:
National Hunt Festivat — day two.
The big race is the 2.15 Queen
Mother Champion Steeplechase. The
other races we see are the 2.15, 3.30
and the 4.05. Commentators: Peter
O'Sullevan and Richard Pitman.
Highlights tonight at 10.25, on BBC
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3.55 (Splodges and Squares, by Joanne Cole). Closedown at 11.25.
4.50 Open University: Riccio's bronzes; 5.15 Frequency response.
5.40 King of the Rocket Men\*: Episode 10 of this old black-and-white serial which used to thrill

4.25 Jackanory: Ann Morrish reads from Mary Cockett's Shadow at Applegarth. 4.40 Take Hart: With Tony Hart, Morph and the Tin Pots. Includes a Morph and the Tin Pots. Includes a close encounter with a visitor from the Milky Way. 5.05 John Craven's

Newscound.

5.10 Break in the Sun: Final episode of this children's serial. Patsy makes a mess of her first performance in the play. With Nicola Cowper as Patsy. 5.35 Fred Basset: Puppies Tale. 5.40 News: with Jan Leeming.

5.55 Regional news magazines. All regions come together for Nation-wide at 6.20.

6.45 Triangle: Passenger ferry serial, with Michael Craig, Kate O'Mara, Only four more episades to 7.20 Film: Dear Brighte (1965)
Comedy, with James Stewart as a professor whose young son (Billy Mumy, aged eight) falls in love with Brighte Bardot. With Glynis Johns, and a brief appearance from Miss Bardot herself. Director: Henry Koster.

children at Saturday morning film shows.

5.55 Once Over Lightly\* Mack Sennett comedy, with Ben Turpin and the Keystone Cops.

6.10 The Master Game: The eleventh game in the international chess tournament. At the board are Bent Larsen, of Denmark, and Heim Donner, of the Netherlands.

6.40 Open Door: Vicious Circle. Film about Elephant Johs Ltd, a nongrofit making organization who help young unemployed people in north Lambeth and north Southwark, London; 7.10 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

7.25 One Bundred Great Paintings: Sir Hugh Casson on Turner's The Burning of the Houses of Parliament, which hangs at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio;

7.35 The Getaways: A novice crew spend a week on board the Sail Training Association schooner Sir Winston Churchill.

9.25 Sportsnight: The Greyhound TV Trophy Final, from Perry Barr, Birmingham. Also, last night's Wembley fights between Alan Minter and Ernie Singletory, and Tony Sibson and Nick Ortiz.

10.15 Open Secret: Gravesend 64701. The title is the telephone number of the local Social Services Department, and we see some social workers in action. Peter Williams is the reporter.

10.45 Parkinson: The mid-week edition of his chat show. His guests are Bernard Miles, Kiri Te Kanawa and Phil Drabble. 11.45 News bendlines.

#### Regions

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8.05 Muggeridge; Ancient and Modern. The biography continues. This fourth programme, covers the period 1954-1956. (See Personal Choice).

9.00 M\*A\*S\*H: Korean war comedy series. What happens when Colonel Flagg (Ed Winter) fixes his suspicious eye on Hawkeye (Alan Alda).

Alda.

9.25 The Life and Times of David Lloyd George: Part 3 of Elsine Morgan's ambitious series about the Welsh polinician's private and public lives. Tonight: the Liberal landslide that brings Lloyd George into the Government. With Philip Madoc as the Welsh Wizard (See Personal Choice).

10.25 Racing from Cheltenham: Today's big race can be seen again — the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase.

10.45. Newsnight: News and comment. Also gports round-up and

ment. Also sports round-up weather forecast.

#### THAMES

BBC2

9.30 am For Schools: The Netherlands; 9.50 My World; dimensions; 10.10 Film about a Victorian doctor and his family; 10.35 Music Round; 11.05 Wool — from sheep to carpet factory; 11.17 Family life in Cologne, Germany; 11.34 How to write an autobiography.

12.00 Cloppe Castle: medieval fun, with puppers. 12.10 Rainbow: Different ways to sing songs. Also, the story of the singing kettle, by Anne Standon. Anne Stanton.

12.30 About Britain: the World of Frank Letch. Film about an armiess teacher whose life is full to overflowing. In Welsh, with English with title and the stanton. sub-titles.
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Crown Court: The jury returns its verdict in the case of an alleged assault during a football match. With Sara Kestelman.

2.00 After Noon Phys: A rare interview with Kathy Kirby, singing star of the 1960s whose recent career has been beset by personal and financial problems. She has now

2.45 Fantasy Island: Ridiculous American series about a magical island, ruled over by Ricardo Montalban,

existence.
5.15 Mr and Mrs: Matrimonial quir game. With Derek Batey.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help! The need for women to bevaccinated against German Measles (rubella). 6.35 Crossroads: The Lee brothers have a showdown.
7.00 This is Your Life: Back-patting biography, told by Eammon Andrews and a large cast of well-wishers. wishers.
7.30 Coronation Street: Is there a woman in Fred Gee's life? And bas Ken Barlow really got Deirdre Langton out of his system?
8.00 Starburst: Variety show, with

Leo Sayer, Bertice Reading, Barry Evans, the ventriloquist Neville King and 'the impressionist Aiden J

Duel.
12.25 Close. Johnny Morris resds
from the writings of Chinese
philosophers....

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Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Arne, Beethoven,

10.00 News. 10.02 Cardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Story: Mr Know-All, by W.

11.05 Baker's Dozen. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Frank Muir

12.55 Weather, 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

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9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-Week.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: The Essential Cecil, by Elizabeth Kay.†
3.50 Zoo Talk.
4.00 Choral Evensong.†
4.45 The Householder (3).
5.50 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 My Music.†
7.00 News.
7.45 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.

7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 Tuesday Call (recording). 8.45 File on 4. 9.30 Kaleidoscope (see Personal 8.45 File on 4.
9.30 Kaleidoscope (see Person Choice).
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Lord of the Rings (2).†
11.00 Anna of the Five Towns (3).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping Forecast.

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VHF
9.05 am Schools: Advanced Studies
— English; Radio Thin King (8); La
France aujourd'hui (8); Poetry
Corner; Music Makers (8); Something to Think About.
10.30 Listen with Mother.
10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box;
By the People, For the People;
Casebook '81; Quest.
2.00 pos-3.00 Schools: Movement and
Drama 1; Books, Plays, Poems;
Nature.

11.30-12.10 am Open University: Theories of Art — Schiller; Genetic

Vivalen. 7 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Sarasate, Bizet, Horowitz, Adam. 7 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Fauré.†

19.00 Organ: Dupre, Demessieux, Tournemire, Roth.† 10.45 Viola (Erdelyi), piano: Hugh Wood, Dodgson, Daiken.† 11.30 BBC Scottish SO/Adey: Beethoven, Spohr, Elgar, Holst.† 1.00 pm News. 1.05 Piano (Dawson-Lyell—live from Broadcasting House): Bartok.† 2.00 Cricket: Wost Indies v England. 4.05 The Prelude, by Wordsworth

(11).
4.30 Violin, piano (Brainin/Crowson): Mozart (K481).
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.† 7.00 Songs: Schubert, Schumann,

Brahms.†
7.30 Talk: Dillas on Tito (1).
8.00 ECO/Zukerman (live from
Festival Hall), pt 1: Mendelssohn
(incl Sym 4.) † (See Personal Choice).
9.00 Six Continents. 9.20 ECO, pt 2: Mendelssohn (Vin Couch; 9.55 Clarinet, piano (Stoltzman,Ax): Weber, Stravinsky, Chopin,

Weber, Stravinsky, Brahms.† 11.00 News. 11.05 Record: Palmgren.† 11.15-11.30 Cricket.

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5.55 am-6.5S Open University:
Dartmoor — Mining and Military;
Modern European Drama; Television
and Politics (3).
2.00 pm Music Weekly.†
2.50 Wind: Dvorak.†
3.20-4.05 Songs (Rayner Cook/Vignoles): Wordsworth, Brian, Berkelaw †

ley.†
11.15-12.35 am Open University: Was
Maithus Right?; New Materials;
1830 and its Legacy; Economics and
Education Policy.

Radio 2

5.00 am Bob Kilbey,† 7.30 Ray Moore,† 10.00 Jimmy Young,† 12.00 David Hamilton,† 2.00 pm Steve Jones,† 4.00 Much More Music,† 5.00 Sport: Football: Cricket, 6.00 John Dunn,† 8.00 Sport: Football: Cricket, 9.30 The Songressor,† 10.00 Wis's 9.30 The Songwriters.; 10.00 Wit's End. 10.30 Richard Gordon. 11.00 Brian Matthew (see Personal Choice). 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music;

#### Radio 1

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